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COLONY IS CHINA'S "GOOD NEIGHBOUR"

Expanding Some Sovereign Rights On Anti-Smuggling AMBASSADOR'S ASSERTION

Nanking, July 19.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, asserted today that Hong Kong regards itself as China's "good neighbour" with vital interest in seeing a healthy, prosperous China. Sir Ralph, who leaves on Wednesday for a three-month vacation in England, told the United Press in an exclusive interview: "Hong Kong has done as much as any government possibly can, even at the expense of some of its sovereign rights, to help prevent smuggling." But "decisive measures" must be taken by China, he said, to prevent the flight of Chinese capital to the British Crown colony.

He pointed out the United Kingdom was faced with the same problem during and after the war, and solved it by enforcing restrictions through the banks and not by demanding that other countries bar the entry of British capital.

He stressed that in the long run Hong Kong can only prosper if China's economy is healthy and, therefore, it is not reasonable to charge that Hong Kong is now enjoying a boom at China's expense.

Must Surrender

Foreign Exchange

Sir Ralph said the Hong Kong government has shown its good faith in co-operating with China against smuggling by ordering that foreign exchange derived from eight major Chinese export products leaving Hong Kong be surrendered to the Central Bank of China.

He said the naval patrol privileges granted by Hong Kong to the Chinese to check smuggling are unique.

He added that in line with the policy of helping China, Hong Kong turned over all captured Japanese arms and equipment intact to China after V-Day.

Also at considerable expense, Hong Kong agreed to the transportation of several hundred thousand Chinese troops in addition to clearing about 1,000,000 tons of United relief supplies for China.

Sir Ralph said any junk at present lying in Hong Kong for China must clear for the designated Chinese port and produce papers duly checked by the Chinese customs upon return.

Amnesty For Huks Extended

Manila, July 19. President Quirino conferred with Congressmen Luis Taruc, leader of Luzon's armed peasant movement at Malacanang Palace today, then extended the period of amnesty until July 31.

Taruc said the time table for the presentation of arms and registration of members had been upset by bad weather and transportation difficulties.

To date the Hukbalahap peasant army and PKM peasant union members have refrained from submitting to Government registration. They have kept their arms until definite instructions are issued by Taruc for them to disarm.

It was felt that this was Taruc's means of pressing for implementation of Government promise to help the lot of the peasants in Central and Southern Luzon.

Associated Press.

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50 POLICE SENT TO BORDER

Fifty Shantung constables, under Sub-Inspector Thomson, armed with rifles and carrying bedding, were sent in three lorries to Shataukok at 11 p.m. last night.

Contacted by the "China Mail" shortly after midnight, Mr. W. La B. Sparrow (Deputy Commissioner of Police) explained that the reinforcements for the Border patrol were simply in accordance with the recent arrangements made to prevent bandits from the Chinese territory crossing the border.

When the "China Mail" telephoned to the Taipo Police Station it was learned that Divisional Superintendent Fraser had "gone to the Border."

Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Commanding Officer Kowloon and New Territories, also left for the Border shortly before midnight, after consultation with the Military authorities.

Big Notes Raise Prices

Shanghai, July 19.

The appearance of million dollar banknotes here today caused a further steep rise in the stock, commodity and financial markets.

Black market US dollar hit CN\$8,500,000 at noon but dropped to CN\$7,500,000 towards late afternoon. Operations on the stock market was suspended immediately after its opening this morning, when all Chinese shares over the 16 per cent ceiling limit for the day's trading.

However, slight declines in the afternoon permitted brokers to resume transactions.

Price was quoted at well above CN\$40,000,000 per picul, or more than CN\$5,000,000 higher than the price on Saturday. So far only 200,000, 500,000 and one million dollar notes have been placed on the market but five million dollar notes are expected to be circulated within the next few days.

(Source: Shanghai Inflation Forecast—Page 10)

Inconvenience To British Firms

Many difficult regulations have been imposed which are causing inconvenience even to British shippers so that the Crown Colony can do its share in helping China recover economically.

The Ambassador denied allegations that Hong Kong welcomes the influx of Chinese capital, saying this was not healthy and had inflationary tendencies.

He also declared that Hong Kong was not in a position to do anything about overseas Chinese remittances since persons sending money naturally prefer to get the better rate available in the Crown Colony for their foreign exchange.

He added that Hong Kong cannot and should not be blamed for this tendency on the part of overseas Chinese.

United Press.

SALVAGE OF FLYING- BOAT WRECK PROCEEDS

BODIES IDENTIFIED, MORE FOUND REPORT

A floating crane, six fishing junks and two motor launches were employed all day yesterday in salvaging the Catalina flying-boat which crashed east of Macao on Friday night with 27 passengers and crew on board.

The bodies of 20 passengers and crew still not recovered by last night, are believed to be in the wrecked flying-boat.

The number of bodies picked up since the crash was last night still six, although the Chinese press reported that five more bodies were recovered yesterday. Besides the body of Mr. H. G. Stewart, already identified, the bodies of Mr. M. Wu, Mr. Chou Yat-ming and Master Daniel Nelson were found among the five recovered on Sunday.

An unconfirmed report late last night said that a body picked up yesterday was believed to be that of Miss Marguerita Nelson.

Family Killed
Nine-year-old Daniel Nelson and 16-year-old Marguerita Nelson were the children of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Nelson of the Chinese Relief Agency and United World Action in China, also victims of the crash.

Mr. F. Chan, of the Macao Air Transport Company, Limited, to whom the flying boat was chartered for flights between Hong Kong and Macao, told the "China Mail" yesterday two of the five bodies recovered on Sunday had not yet been identified. Both were men, one was first believed to be Mr. F. Pereira.

He said that the salvage party was expected back at Macao about 11 p.m. He could not say

US Accused Of Togliatti Shooting

Rome, July 19.

Pietro Secchia, acting head of the Italian Communist Party, today made the first formal implication that America was behind the shooting of the Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti.

In a two column front page article in the early newspaper, *Unita*, Secchia wrote what Communist reports have been hinting for days—that the Americans, perhaps with the connivance of the British and the Vatican, tried to eliminate Togliatti as the only man who could prevent Italy's joining the Western powers in a war with Russia.

Secchia recalled that Togliatti had promised in a Chamber of Deputies to call workers to revolt rather than see Italy join an anti-Russian crusade.

Meanwhile a morning medical bulletin reported that Togliatti's condition was unchanged.

United Press.

TRUCE ON, BUT WAR CONTINUES

Cairo, July 19.

Israel charged today that Syrian and Iraqi troops are engaged in widespread offensive operations in northern Palestine in defiance of the truce imposed by the United Nations.

A Haifa dispatch quoted an official Israeli report as saying Syrian troops attacked the Jewish settlements of Einab, Susita and Shear Hagolan south of the Sea of Galilee.

The Syrians employed heavy guns, the report said, and firing still was going on this morning. On the Jenin front, the report said, Iraqi troops opened heavy artillery fire on Jewish-held Zif, Jenin, and on Jewish positions at Lajjun.

Jewish forces entered the battle which is still in progress, the report said.

Jewish Gains

In Western Galilee, Jewish forces captured four Arab villages before the cease-fire deadline. Then the Arab Liberation Army opened fire on the Jewish positions from Tiberia near the Lebanese border. Jewish forces are pursuing the Arab volunteers which are fleeing, the report continued.

Arab irregulars were reported to have attacked the Tel-Aviv-Haifa highway today from Arab villages around Zikron Yaakov, the report said.

The Israeli Government stated it will be forced to take operations to insure the safety of major roads for Jewish traffic.

Elsewhere in Palestine, guns apparently were "silenced under the truce."

In Tel-Aviv an Israeli spokesman said Syrian planes bombed Jewish positions near Qalun in the Central Palestine coastal plain.

The Syrian Army's communication lines were cut. Nightly attacks on the cease-fire order was given to Syrian forces at 10.30 p.m. GMT and went into effect one-half hour later.

Associated Press.

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South China Boycott Of Jap Goods?

Shanghai, July 19.

A boycott in South China of Japanese-made goods is predicted in the current issue of the "China Economist."

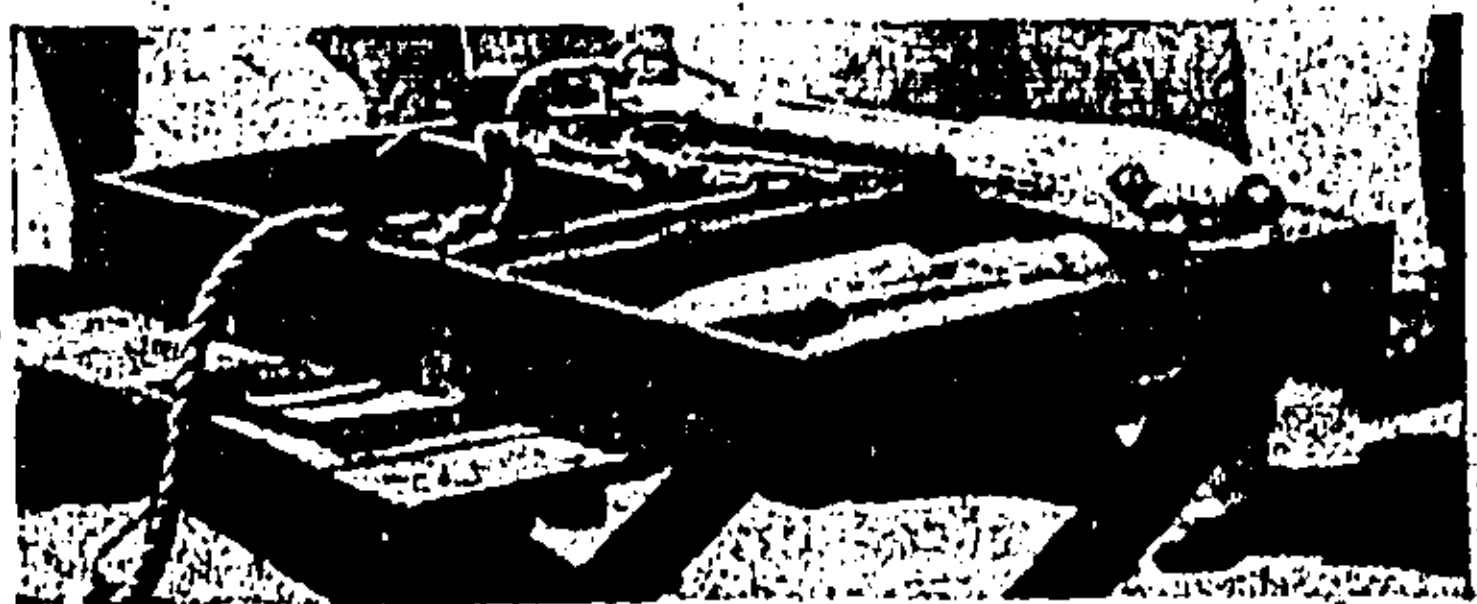
The publication said that a "grave situation" has been caused in South China by the inflow of Japanese goods into Hong Kong and Canton. It added that the boycott of Japanese-made goods "again looms to repeat the history of 17 years ago."

Japanese-made products, it said, are being sold at 30 per cent under the prices of other goods, especially Chinese-made goods, "thus offering a stiff competition to Chinese manufacturers."

United Press.

(See Page Five for Earlier Cable)

Rocket Life Saving Gear Demonstrated



Experiments with modern life saving apparatus were carried out yesterday afternoon for the first time at Big Wave Bay.

The Schermuly Pistol Rocket Line, known in England as the "Beach Rescue Set" was used, and only one rocket was fired. The outfit, which costs \$1K500, has been bought by the Urban Council and from today will be available in case of emergency at Big Wave Bay. Rockets cost about \$1K28 each.

Operated by a Beach Inspector, the apparatus is capable of shooting a rocket a distance of 150 yards. When night firing is necessary, or in the event of poor visibility, the rocket can be illuminated by turning the Perspex dome of the rocket gun.

Among those present at yesterday's experiment were Mr. F. C. M. Sedgewick, Acting Chairman of the Urban Council, Mr. R. H. Heath Officer, Mr. Hewitt, Chief of the Marine Department, Dr. Yee, Deputy Director of Health and Mr. Hooper, Senior Superintendent of the Sanitary Department.

The China Mail pictures on the left show the rocket (top) and the pistol (bottom) just after the rocket had been fired from it.

The Weather

A broad trough some 400 miles from Chungking across the Eastern Sea and Japan. Yesterday's rainfall was high over Formosa and Malaya, but has fallen over the Southern Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S or NW winds. Fairly cloudy. Mild. High 75, low 65.

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Russian Reply To B-29s

Moscow, July 19.

Russia answered the American Superforts flight to Britain by declaring that it continued "permanently to strengthen" its armed forces and air force and calling on the "war-mongers" to look to Moscow, where big air parades are planned for the Soviet Aviation Day celebrations.

Articles in the Communist Party organ Pravda in Moscow lauded the Soviet air machine and belittled the wartime achievements of the Allied air forces.

The Moscow radio broadcast articles and accounts of Aviation Day ceremonies against a background of careful planning of aerial events for today.

Jet plane displays, an "aerial battle" and mass parachute jumps were planned, but the show was postponed owing to bad weather.

In an order of the day broadcast by the Moscow radio, Marshal Nikolai Zhukov, Soviet Minister of Armaments and Munitions, declared that with all personnel new success in the development of air force.

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Socially Minded Forger Gave Parties, Presents

Described as a socially minded person who throw parties and gave presents to lady friends, Shaik Charn Abbas was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge), to three years' hard labour.

Well-Known Ex-Resident Dies In UK

News of the death of Mr. David Locke Newbigging, C.B.E., M.C., last Friday at Farnham, Surrey, was received in Hong Kong yesterday.

A well-known resident in the Colony before the war, Mr. Newbigging was born at Dumfries, Scotland, in 1876. He served in the Army in the 1914-18 war and was awarded the Military Cross.

Coming out to Hong Kong in 1919, he joined Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited. He served in the company's branches in China and Hong Kong and was made a partner in the firm in 1938.

In 1941 Mr. Newbigging resigned from the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and joined the Food Control Department.

After the occupation of Hong Kong by the Japanese he was interned at Stanley. There he was in charge of the control and distribution of the Internment Camp's stores.

Former fellow-internees will remember the kindnesses he had with the Japanese in his attempts to send more food into the camp.

In recognition of his services to the internees, he was awarded the C.B.E.

In 1945, Mr. Newbigging left Hong Kong on recuperation leave. Ill-health prevented him from returning.

Mr. Newbigging is survived by his widow and two children.

Stag Hotel Dispute Nears End

At yesterday's resumed hearing of the Stag Hotel dispute before Mr. Justice Gould (Acting Chief Justice), proceedings were mainly confined to the delivery of closing addresses by counsel.

Hearing will continue at 2.30 p.m. today, when Mr. H. G. Sheldon will conclude his address on behalf of the plaintiffs.

The dispute is over the question whether the original partnership under the name of (Mun Kee), of which the plaintiffs claim to be partners, was dissolved and replaced by a new partnership (Hop Kee), formed during the Japanese Occupation, in which the defendants claim more than 40 per cent of the shares.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed on two opium smugglers by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

According to Revenue Officer D. H. Knox, Lee Leung had 100 taels hidden in the false bottom of a Chinese suitcase when he arrived from Canton on Saturday evening. The drug was discovered by Chinese Revenue Officer 204.

Chow Tai-lee, described as a travelling trader, had 62 taels (approximately 110 ozs.) of the narcotic contained in two packets inside a shoe box. The drug was found by Chinese Revenue Officer 59 when searching defendant's luggage on his arrival by the morning train on Sunday.

USSR Bankers To Have Rank

Moscow, July 18. Personal titles and ranks have been introduced for leading and responsible workers of financial and banking institutions in the Soviet Union.

Decreases in the official Soviet journal said these officials would wear special "forms of clothing" and insignia of rank.

Top rank provided in the decrees is "General State Counsellor of Financial Service."

The next named is "State Counsellor of Financial Service." Then comes "State Counsellor of Financial Service, first rank" followed by ranks of second and third rank.

Associated Press.

Alleged Extortionists Remanded

When Wong Wong-san, a 35 year old clerk, was brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday on a charge of demanding \$30 from Wong Lachan with menaces, Inspector Moran asked for a week's remand in custody, as further charges were being preferred against accused.

The case was remanded accordingly.

In another case of demanding money with menaces before Mr. Hin-shing Lo's Court, a three-day remand was granted at the request of the Police.

The accused was Chau Ching-ming, aged 17, charged with demanding, \$25 from Chan Siu-sin, master of the Hop Kee Tailor Shop, 4 Wanchai Road.

Inspector J. Hill prosecuted.

Sucker, 1st Class, Kept Opium Divan

"I have been a first class sucker. What more can I say?" replied Cheung Sum, unemployed, when asked by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday what he had to say before sentence on the charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of opium was passed.

Arrested on Friday night by Sub-Inspector Andrews at an unnumbered hut at Sai Yee Street near the Yau-matai Railway Station, Cheung pleaded not guilty when he was charged before the magistrate on Saturday.

After evidence of arrest and of the statement made by accused at the Police Station had been given, accused was found guilty and fined \$350 or three months' hard labour.

Matter Of Bail

He stated that he had been asked by someone to admit the charges at the police station and was given to understand that it was only a matter of bail. "I see now that I have been a No. 1 sucker," said defendant with a laugh.

Liu Yiu, arrested by Sub-Inspector Fung Hoi for keeping an opium divan at 54 Peiho Street, first floor, on Saturday night, was fined \$500 or four months' hard labour by Mr. Wicks yesterday.

UNLICENSED PRACTITIONER ALLEGATION

As the defence counsel, Mr. Marcus da Silva, was engaged in the Supreme Court yesterday, the case of Wat Tai-fu, of 64 De Voex Road Central, first floor, charged with practising medicine without a licence, was yesterday adjourned until today when a date will be fixed for its hearing.

The case will be heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, and Divisional Inspector D. D. Davis will prosecute.

American Seamen's Allegations Against Room Boy Dismissed

Holding that there was no direct evidence against accused, Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday acquitted Chung Wo, room boy of the Chung Ah Boarding House, second floor, on the charge of permitting the premises to be used as a brothel.

Sub-Inspector Dow stated in evidence that as the result of a telephone message at 1.50 a.m. on July 17 he went to the Chung Ah Boarding House, 308 Nathan Road, where he saw two American sailors arguing with the manager.

As the result of allegations made by the seamen he had all the room boys paraded on the ground floor. On the sailors stating that the man they wanted were not among the present, he accompanied them to the second floor where he found defendant in a room in the rear part of the building.

Gave Him Money

When they saw accused, the first sailor allegedly said, "That's the guy," and the second added, "That's the man. We gave him the money for the girls. He supplied the girls."

Witness said that the two Americans told him that they had each booked a room for \$15 through accused, who then asked them whether they wanted girls. On their replying in the affirmative, two girls were brought to them.

While they were sitting in the rooms talking with the girls, the defendant entered spoke a few words in Chinese to them and immediately afterwards the girls began to dress. The girls explained that the police were raiding the place and that they had to leave but would return later.

Defendant explained witness was the floor boy in charge of the second floor and, as such was responsible for the lifting out of the rooms, collecting the money, and entering the register. Chinese boarding houses, he said, do not have a general register of the guests but keep separate ones on each floor.

Identity Parado

Chief Inspector S. G. Smith, after corroborating Sub-Inspector Dow's evidence on what the American seamen alleged and the subsequent identification parade, added that when the allegation was interpreted to defendant he admitted that it was correct.

Chung, who entered a complete denial on the charge, declared that on the night of July 16 two Chinese, who gave their names as "Wong Kwan" and "Lee Man," booked rooms 302 and 306. After paying the respective rents of \$12.20 and \$9.40 they left the boarding house.

About 10 minutes later the two men returned with two foreigners and went into room 302. Wong asked him whether he could supply any girls.

"I told him," said accused "that we are not permitted to introduce girls to our guests, and that the manager is very strict on this."

The four men then left the premises but came back about 15 minutes later with two girls dressed in European clothes. After a short talk in room 302, the "dark man" went into room 306 with one of the girls. Wong and Lee left.

Register Produced

Just before the police visit, Lee returned to the floor, knocked at the doors of two rooms, whispered to the girls in a "foreign language." The girls and the man left the building shortly afterwards.

In reply to C.I. Smith, defendant said that the register bore the names of the two Chinese men, written in Chinese by them. (This was substantiated when the register was produced by Lee.)

Two other cases set down for hearing yesterday afternoon were on the application of the defence solicitors, adjourned to later dates, with both defendants allowed bail of \$1,000 each.

The charge of permitting 3 Jordon Road ground floor to be used as a brothel on July 17, preferred against Lau Kong was on the application of Mr. Y. K. Kan, remanded to the afternoon of July 22.

Tsang Kau, 38 year old, took the second floor, was remanded to July 24, on his application of Mr. C. A. Sutherland, on the charge of keeping a brothel at 64 Wanchai Street, first floor, on July 17, and with living on the earnings of prostitutes.

Forgery Charges

Charged on two counts of forging a shipping document and using a forged document, Simson Y. Kwan, aged 49, Import and Export merchant of room 994 Gloucester Hotel, was brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Citing in evidence a forged shipping document, the case was remanded until 2.30 p.m. today for hearing.

Completion in the case of a woman, charged with forgery, was adjourned to 11 a.m. today.

The body of the American seaman who fell off the USS Suckall on the afternoon of July 17 was recovered by Sub-Inspector Dow, with the Police in the vicinity of the Hong Kong Electric Co. yesterday afternoon.

Alleged Pirates Enter Pleas

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Keung Kin-chung alias Lau Pui, Ling Chung-kai alias Ling Chung, and Chan Chung-nam alias Chan Chik, who are charged in connection with the Van Heutz piracy, entered pleas of not guilty.

Mr. A. J. Clifford will represent Keung Kin-chung alias Lau Pui, while Ling Chung-kai alias Ling Chung and Chan Chung-nam alias Chan Chik will be represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ is the instructing solicitor.

When the case came up before Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) yesterday, Mr. Russ said that Ling Cheuk-wah, the first accused, whom he represented in the Lower Court proceedings, had not yet been able to raise sufficient funds to engage counsel.

Mr. Russ asked that the plea of first accused be deferred.

Six days have been set aside for the trial, which will commence on August 9. The Van Heutz is expected to return to Hong Kong on August 7.

Guilty Of Robbery

Pleading guilty to charges of robbery and possession of arms and ammunition, Wong Sui-kau was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge), to nine years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane.

Wong was charged with having robbed Tang Heung of one suit of clothing, a bicycle, and \$10, on May 2.

He was also charged with having robbed Jose Maria de Conceicao of one pair of trousers, one wrist watch, one wallet, one shot gun, 20 rounds of ammunition, one cartridge belt and \$20.

He pleaded not guilty to this charge. On the Crown offering no evidence, he was formally discharged on that count.

Mr. W. A. Blair, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts when Li was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

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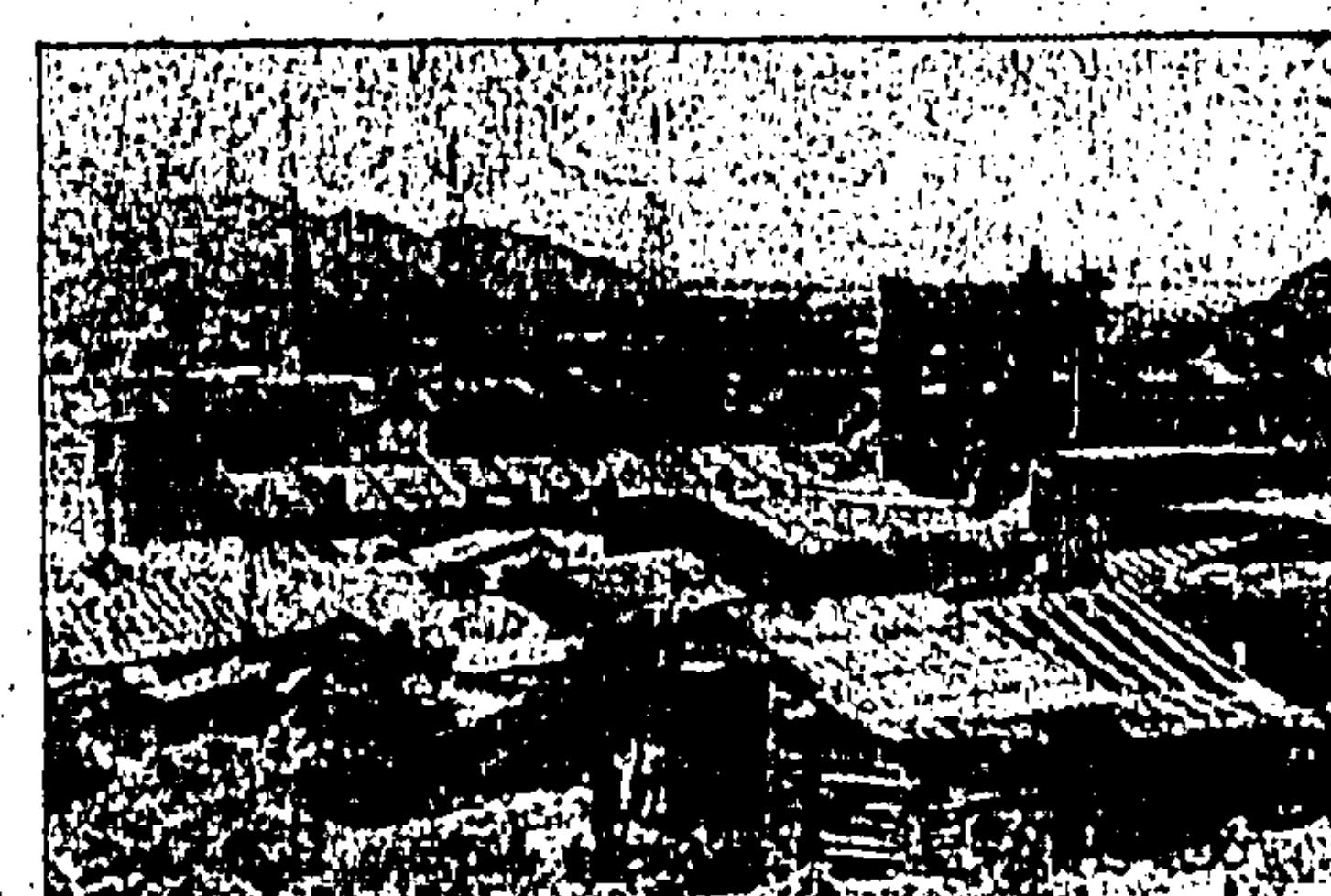
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TOP PICTURE shows some of the devastated sites in Hung Hom, on which grass has grown on the hillocks of debris and rubbish, accumulated during the past few years. In the background are Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company Limited's buildings. The picture at the bottom shows a cluster of squatters' hovels around the shell of the former St. Mary's School. See story at the right.—China Mail Photos.

"Purity" Cult Was Not Very Pure

Paris, July 18. Michael Ivanoff, 49-year-old self-styled High Priest of the "Fraternity of Purity," was sentenced to four years' imprisonment today because a Paris court ruled his actions were not pure in the eyes of the law.

According to evidence in the Correctional Court last night, Ivanoff's cult might more accurately have been termed a "sorority."

Several "disciples" testified that they had participated with large groups of women and girls from 14 to 45 in nude dancing en masse before Ivanoff. The dances, they said, took place on the secluded grounds of Ivanoff's suburban villa near Paris.

Witnesses added that the dances were led by a former ballet artist of the Paris Opera. When they reached their high point, Ivanoff frequently undressed and chose the prettiest among his disciples that "he considered worthy of forming with him the perfect couple," the Court was told.

An 18-year-old stenographer, who said she had been chosen for the "perfect couple," said Ivanoff had told her his philosophy was "sexually divine."

"He told me we were generations of beneficial wives for the world and that we were working for the good of France," she said.

"Perfect Couple"

On seeing the detectives approach, accused ran off and up the stairs of 100 Fuk Wing Street. On arrival at the roof he jumped down to the second floor veranda, and fractured his left leg and left arm.

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Ground Lies Waste Where 13,000 Were Once Housed

A bomb-damaged site which formerly housed at least 13,000 people is still lying waste in Kowloon as it has been three years ago. It is the biggest site of its kind on the mainland and one of the many visited by the "China Mail" yesterday.

Hung Hom, which before the war was a thriving and densely populated dockyard town, is now a heap of rubble.

The owners of the site on which formerly stood about 200 three-storey buildings have not made any attempt to reconstruct.

As a result, several hundred workers are now living in makeshift huts of planks, tin sheets, cardboard, and rags on nearby vacant plots.

In contrast to the desolate scene, the only sign of rehabilitation in the neighbourhood is a row of 10 single-story shops and two three-storey tenement houses newly-built in Bulkeley Street.

Many other bombed sites along Chatham Road, in the vicinity of the Kowloon Docks, and from Cooke Street to the foot of the hills south of Wai Wai Street, are covered with undergrowth and debris heaped high.

The only builders who have taken advantage of some of the sites are dockyard workers, squatter families, and hawkers who have put up shacks and stalls.

Ran Into Arms Of The Law

When Au Yeung-pak, a woman living on the second floor of 341 Tai Nam Street, was awakened by a man at 3.50 a.m. on July 18, she promptly concluded that he was a thief and blew her police whistle.

The intruder ran down the stairs and literally into the arms of two constables on patrol duty in the street below.

When he was brought up to the flat it was found that he had the handle of a saw and that he had disappeared from the house on July 15 at the time that another woman tenant, Lee Kwan, discovered the loss of her wrist-watch.

The man, Au Yeung-kwong, admitted that he had stolen the watch and that he sneaked back to the house through the roof to try and see his sister.

He was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of larceny. Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted.

DEPORTATION ORDER BREACH

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge), passed sentence of four years' hard labour on Leung Wing, who pleaded guilty to breach of a deportation order.

Leung had four previous convictions.

Another returned banished, Lau Kan-ah, 40, alias Lau Pak, alias Lo Kan, who had three previous convictions and pleaded guilty to breach of a deportation order, was also sentenced to four years' hard labour.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr prosecuted on behalf of the Crown in both cases.

KOWLOON ROTARY

A talk entitled "The Ground Organisation of an Airport" will be given on Thursday at the Kowloon Rotary Club by Mr. O. F. Hamilton.

Reminders

Today

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, G.P.O. Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

St. Paul's College Speech Day, Len Hysan Hall, 3 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Tomorrow

Toe H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.40 p.m.

THURSDAY

R.A.F. Association, luncheon, Jacobson Rooms, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

U.S. Football Club (Amateur) general meeting, at Clubhouse, Happy Valley, 8 p.m.

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Authority.—Director of Marine.

Marine Department,
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MORE SKYMASTERS TO AUGMENT ALLIED AIR-LIFT INTO BERLIN

Berlin, July 18.
Another 70 giant four-engined Skymasters from the United States will soon augment the "air bridge" supplying the three Western sectors of Berlin over the Soviet blockade, it was reliably learned today.
Under normal conditions, they would increase the flow of supplies into the German capital by 2,100 tons daily, as each of the Skymasters is expected to carry a 10-ton load three times in every 24 hours.

Rumania Denounces Concordat

Bucharest, July 18.
Catholic schools in Rumania will shortly be taken over by the State, following the denunciation yesterday by the Rumanian Government of the Concordat with the Vatican, which was concluded in 1929.

The decision to denounce the Concordat—an agreement between the Church and State defining the powers of the Church and the civil authorities in matters where both are concerned—was taken "to fulfill the constitutional provisions on the complete freedom of religions."

The new Rumanian Constitution, adopted after the abdication of King Michael, provides that all Church schools shall be taken over by the civil authorities. It is not yet known whether the Catholic hospitals will also come under civil control.—Reuter.

No Surprise

Vatican City, July 18.
No official communication had been received at the Vatican today from the Rumanian Government but the reported Rumanian denunciation of the Concordat has caused no surprise, it was stated in Vatican quarters.

It was assumed here that the recent brief visit to Rome of Bishop Gerald Patrick O'Hara, Papal Nuncio in Bucharest, was connected with these developments.

The Rumanian Legation in Vatican City has been to all intents closed since M. Theodore Solonco resigned after King Michael's abdication last New Year's Eve.—Reuter.

The Americans are already using about 60 Skymasters in the "air bridge."

The best flying weather for a fortnight today favoured the air lift into Berlin, and the British "mail" office at Gatow Airport forecast the next 24 hours would see a bigger than ever flow of supplies.

Fictitious Report

Royal Air Force authorities here described as "entirely fictitious" a report in the Soviet licensed newspaper, the National Zeitung, today that former Luftwaffe pilots were being used by the Royal Air Force in the "air lift."

The paper had alleged that the Germans, members of a so-called secret "Baltic Legion" were ordered to take part by Lord Tedder, the Chief of Air Staff, who arrived in Berlin last Thursday. It was felt that, due to constant bad weather, the only pilots with a good knowledge of the local topography could be used on the Berlin run," the paper added. The authorities replied: "On no occasions have German nationals been employed by the Royal Air Force on operational duties, nor are they likely to be in the near future."

Trains Removed

The official Soviet newspaper, Tagesspiegel, said today that "all difficulties can be removed" if the Allies agreed to the Soviet proposals for Germany, adding: "The propaganda of the splitters that Russia cannot guarantee the whole of Berlin's supplies is mendacious."

The American controlled radio reported late last night that railway workers had removed 10 miles of track from the Berlin-Helmstedt railway, the vital East-West line whose closure by the Russians completed the blockade of Berlin.

Leading Soviet Zone railway official said last week that the sleepers were rotting and that repairs would be completed as soon as possible.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay

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H. J. 10 5 4 3
D. 8 3
C. J

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D. 9 7 6
C. 10 8

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C. K Q 7 6

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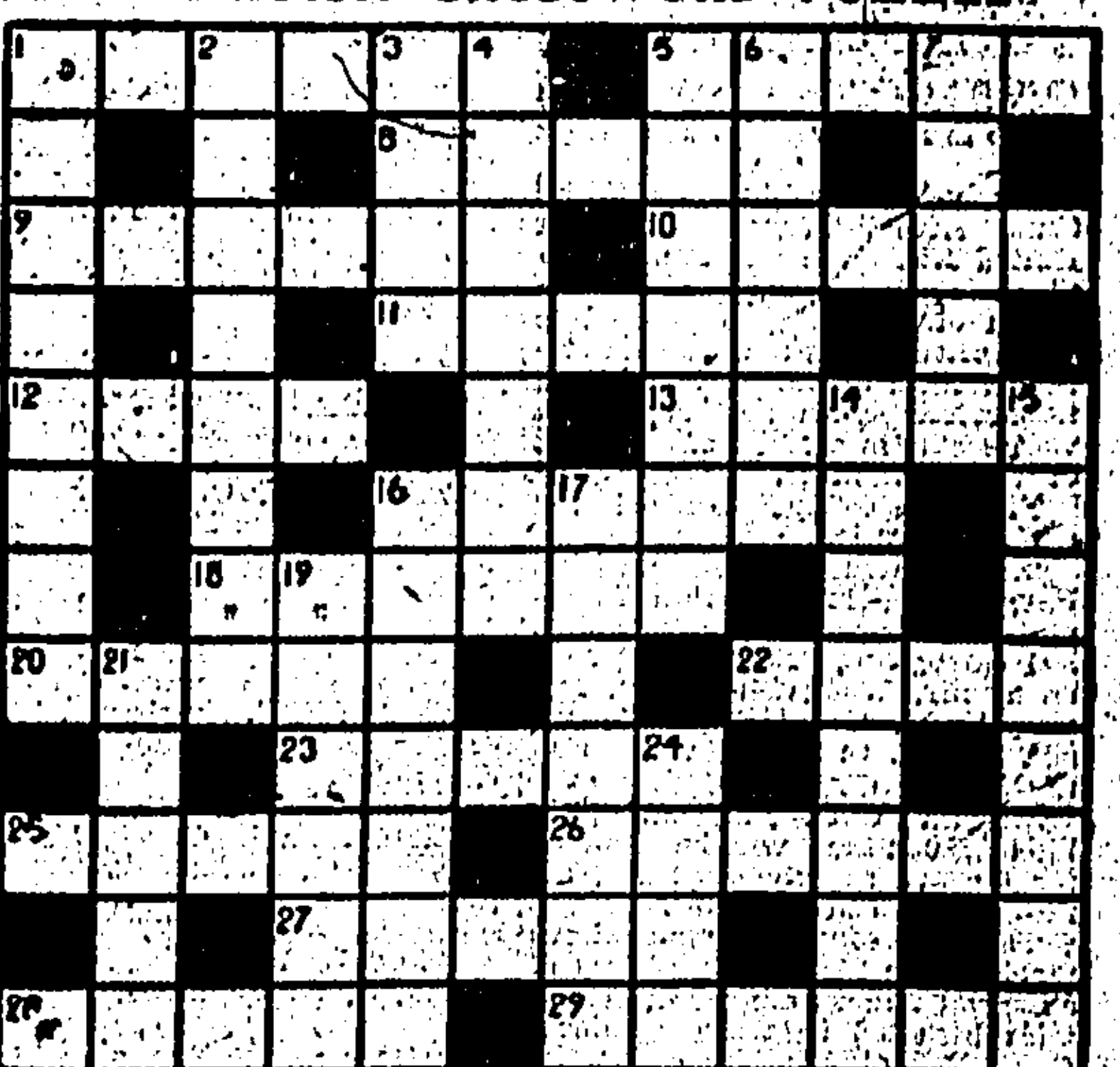
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1 D Db1 Pass 1 S
2 C Pass Pass 2 H
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Clues Across

- Deprive of weapons.
- Loss of time.
- Percolated.
- Part of an engine.
- Faithful.
- Coal.
- Slaughtered.
- Tries.
- Refining.
- Refrained from killing.
- Southsayers.
- Instigates.
- Book of maps.
- Foolish.
- Estern.
- Packing case.
- Conceals.
- Extend.

Clues Down

- Lays.
- Uncertainty.
- Anointment.
- Warship.
- Expunged.
- Worshiped.
- Minimum.
- Cease to.
- Reigns.
- Potty.
- Lobby.
- Bids.
- Deal.
- Saves.
- Derides.
- Unite.
- Went down.
- Overcomes.
- Leaves.
- Strut.
- Boredom.
- Trickle.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3 Spun; 7 Royal; 10 Idle; 9 Azil; 10 Abridge; 12 Stem; 15 Knead; 16 Lead; 18 Adept; 21 Whirl; 22 Avar; 23 Zephyr; 25

Down—1 Lobby; 2 Mariner; 3 Pored; 4 Bids; 5 Fine; 6 Angel; 7 Deal; 8 Tier; 9 Myth; 10 Savon; 11 Own; 12 Like; 13 Knead; 14 Lead; 15 Adept; 16 Whirl; 17 Avar; 18 Zephyr; 19

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Also in Reader's Digest

How your prayers are answered. Whether child or hard-headed businessman, God doesn't let you down, says Rev. Earl A. Blackman. "The Fighting Parson" shows how God goes about answering your prayers—sometimes in ways you least suspect... and why some prayers are their own answer. (Condensed from American Magazine)

Don't use a "good" excuse. Milton was blind. Beethoven was deaf. Thackeray saw his adopted wife go insane. Yet these men ignored their ailments and went on to sublime achievement. Dr. Fiedler tells how—by having the grit to throw away your excuses—you can find a glorious new meaning in life.

Your budget CAN beat high prices. Budgeting isn't painful penny-pinching or bookkeeping—it's a way to get what you want most with your money, say the married couple. They list six simple steps that are solving money problems for thousands—may make your family happier. (Condensed from Cosmo)

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IN THE SHADOW OF THE CRISIS

Western Union Assumes New Importance May Discuss Prospects Of Berlin Showdown

The Hague, July 18.

Five Foreign Ministers of the "Western Union" will meet here tomorrow in the midst of a grave crisis to discuss whether it would be wise to force a showdown or look for a way out in the Berlin deadlock with Russia.

The United States, whose Super-Fortresses have just arrived in England, will not be represented. But Britain has promised to keep America fully informed.

So delicate and fateful are the problems to be discussed that even the agenda is secret.

The conference is a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Foreign Ministers who signed the Brussels pact last March and who now seek American arms for it and association with it.

Normally the conference would have discussed only progress toward joint defence plans and toward getting U.S. support.

But the Berlin crisis has changed the entire complexion of the talks. And discussion of what to do about Berlin and the Russians will overshadow all other developments of the two-day meeting.

Britain will be represented by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin. France by dapper M. Georges Bidault, Belgium by her Churchillian M. Paul Henri Spak, Luxembourg by the elder statesman, Josef Bech, and the Netherlands, as the host, by Foreign Minister Baron von Bieveland.

It will be the first time the Benelux countries have been formally consulted on the Berlin crisis, although they have been kept informed informally of developments.

Closed Sessions

The first meeting, at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow morning in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building, will be open to the Press for initial formalities, but work will be done afterwards in closed sessions. The Ministers will convene in the midst of dozens of reports and rumours about

what the West will do in the face of Russia's refusal to lift the Berlin blockade. They are: The West will force a showdown with the Russians on the Berlin issue.

The West does not want a showdown, but will try to steer a course in the direction of four-power negotiations.

And in between those extremes, are countless variants. But the importance of this meeting in The Hague cannot be underestimated. Until now, exchanges on the Berlin crisis have taken place by telegram. For the first time since the situation became very critical, the men of two of the three Western Powers in Germany can talk face to face.

France has always been a reluctant partner of the West in their policies in Germany. France very hesitantly accepted the decision to go ahead with Western Germany—an action which with the currency reform precipitated the Russian blockade of Berlin. And it was understood on very good authority that earlier this year, when consequences of Western Germany were discussed, the French favoured abandoning Berlin.

Western Union

The problems on the "Western Union" itself to be considered, are:

A report from the military committee which has been meeting regularly in London, since April on joint defence plans.

A report from Washington where the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Robert A. Lovett, has been meeting with the "Western Union" ambassadors and Canada.

The Washington report is expected to give tacit assurances—but no commitments—of American help provided the Western Europeans prove that they are engaged and intend to pursue continuously a maximum amount of self-help and cooperation.

The Washington report further, it was understood, will make plain that any U.S. arm will be only to supplement European self-help and that it will be a long range project. Congressional approval is required first and secondly the United States is already starting a big rearmament programme of its own and has little, if any, surplus.

Experts are talking in terms of three, four or even five years hence for a Western rearmament programme to get completely underway.—United Press.

French Viewpoint

It is authoritatively stressed in Paris that, under no conditions, should a settlement of the Ber-

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Earl Mountbatten, former Viceroy of India, stood with his fellow Knights on the steps of the Chapel to receive the Sovereign of the Order and his Consort, who were dressed in full Garter robes with long flowing mantles of dark blue velvet.

The Order was instituted as a military Order by King Edward III in 1348, but is now more generally bestowed on Royal personages and leading members of the Peerage.

A fanfare of trumpets proclaimed the arrival of the King and Queen.—Reuter.

MAIL EXPRESS IN COLLISION

Blairgowrie, July 18.

The night mail express from Aberdeen to London collided with a local train near Ardeer Junction late on Saturday, killing the engineer and injuring eight persons.

The two engines were wrecked and four coaches splintered.

It was second crash of the day on the Scotland-London lines. A passenger express from Edinburgh was derailed just outside London early on Saturday, killing the fireman.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, July 19.

Regular China-Japan shipping service will be inaugurated on Wednesday with the departure of the China Monarchs steamer, s.s. Sai Liao, for Kobe, according to Chinese reports.—Reuter.

CRISIS AS GRAVE AS MUNICH

Birmingham, July 17.

The Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Raymond Blackburn, today described the Berlin crisis as "at least as grave as was the Munich crisis in 1938."

Mr. Blackburn, who was speaking in his King's Norton constituency, declared that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had repeatedly stated that we intended to stay in Berlin.

Did not that mean that Britain was prepared, if necessary, to take armed convoys to Berlin and to repair any bridges, roads or railway lines that needed repairing? asked Mr. Blackburn.

"I believe that the majority of the British people and other Members of Parliament would support the Government in taking this action in conjunction with the Americans and French. Only by being ready for war can we save the peace," Mr. Blackburn stated.

After completing his speech Mr. Blackburn said that he had offered himself for enlistment in the Territorial Airborne Division. He added that he was disappointed with recruitment in the Territorial Army and that, therefore, he considered that it was

his duty to enlist immediately in the Territorials.

Mr. Blackburn is a former member of the Royal Air Force. The first parachute exercises ever carried out by the Territorial Army took place a few days ago.—Agence France-Press.

SICK MAN OF ASIA

Rangoon, July 18.

"Burma is the sick man of Asia," according to a statement issued today by Dr. Ba Maw, Thakin Ba Sein and U Ba Ohi, the latter being a prominent member of the Myochit Party led by U Saw.

All three are in opposition to the present Government. The statement says, inter alia, that Burmese problems should be solved in the Burmese way. It deplores present conditions in the country.—Agence France-Press.

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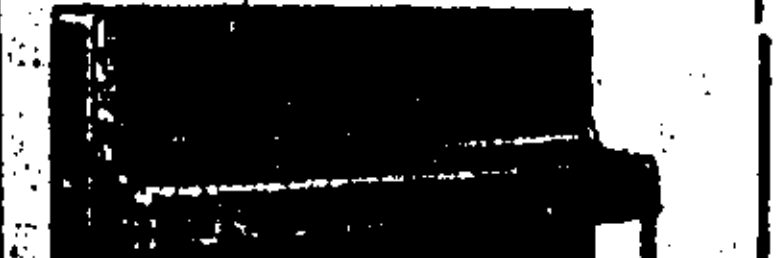
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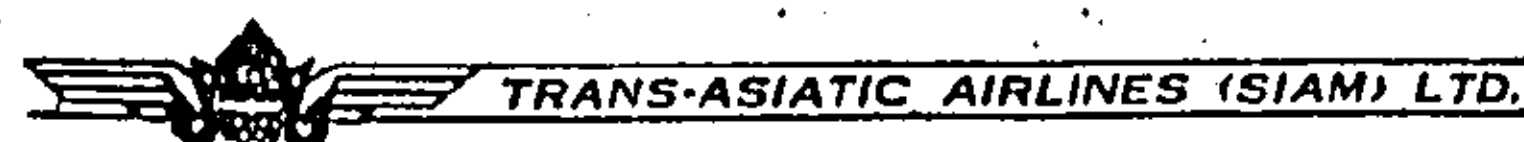
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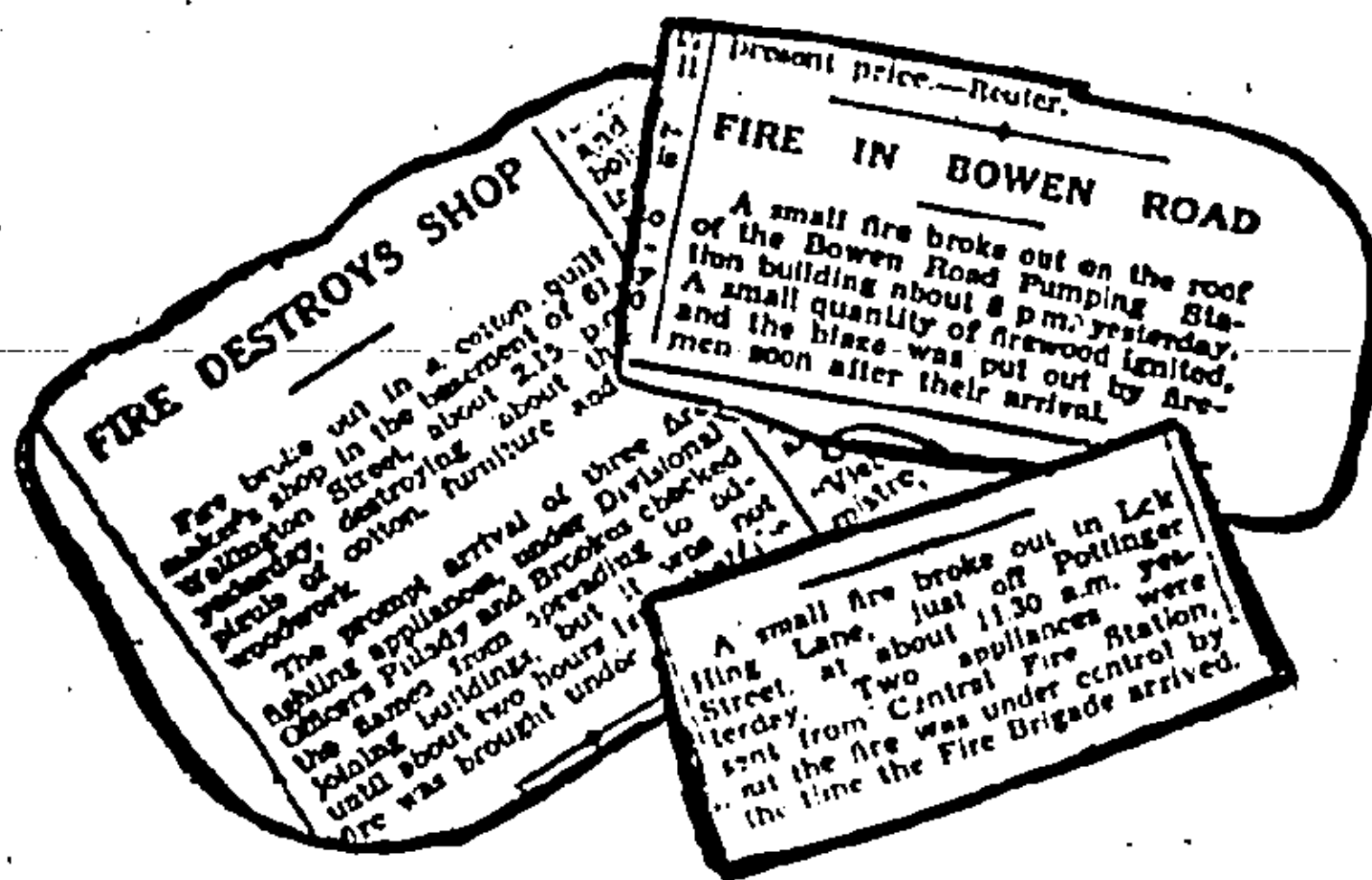
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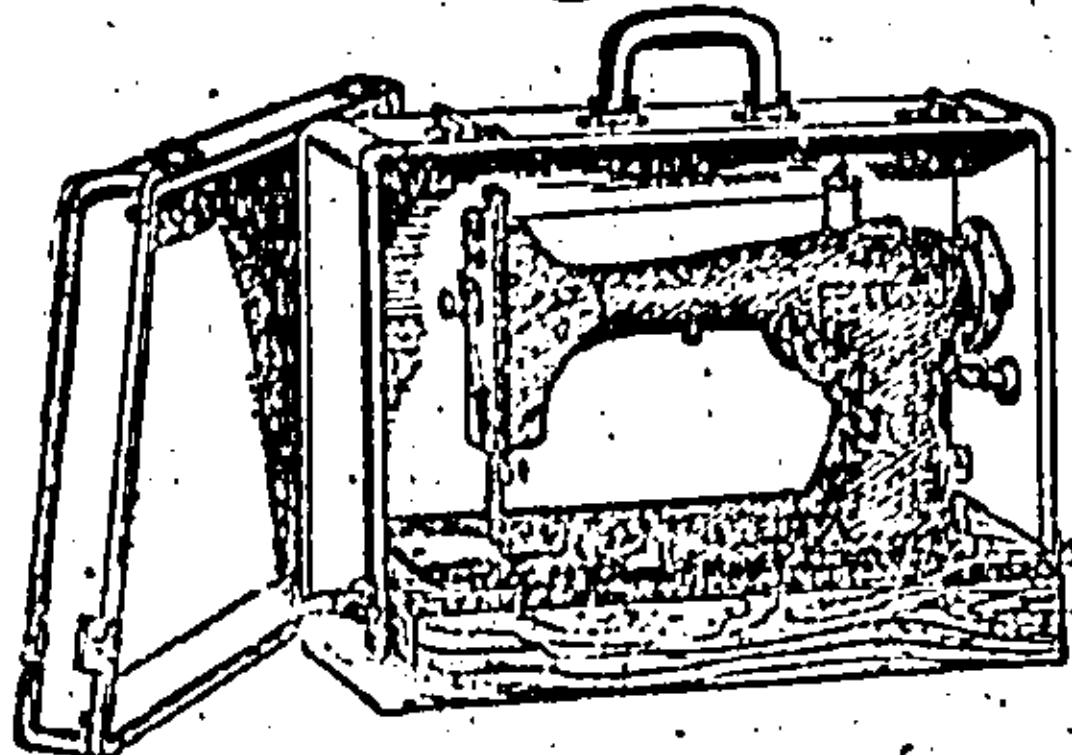
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PALESTINE TRUCE

In a world which seems to be boiling up most disturbingly, the acceptance by the Arabs of the demand for a further truce in Palestine comes as a welcome surprise. Were there any real indications of a genuine spirit of compromise also, the situation could be viewed with the optimism that guides Count Bernadotte, who thinks that both Jews and Arabs recognise the necessity for peaceful relations between the two communities and for economic unity.

A more practical reason for the Arab decision is probably that events since the resumption of hostilities have done little to encourage belief among Arabs in their capacity, at the moment, of achieving their political aims by military means. Those Arabs who have not been in the fighting have been angered by the truce decision—and it may prove to be easier for the Arab leaders to show a responsible spirit in the further negotiations with Count Bernadotte than to produce an agreement which will satisfy public opinion in Cairo, Amman, Damascus and Baghdad.

For the moment, there is little to suggest that the United Nations' mediator will find a common denominator capable of forming the basis of an agreement acceptable to both sides. The Arab consent to the new truce was, in itself, hedged about with conditions—or demands for the acceptance of conditions—which would themselves be sufficient to preclude the prospects of an agreed settlement. Nevertheless, Count Bernadotte will resume his task with the good wishes of all who sense the importance of peace in the Middle East. His recommendations of a week or so ago had closer regard for the realities that any previous solution offered and they might easily form the basis for further discussions. Unfortunately, the important thing is lacking; there is no indication that the passions that have bedeviled every earlier attempt at an agreed settlement have cooled off.

Displaced Persons

Limited but real help has been given to Europe's thousands of displaced persons by the recent Bill opening the doors of the United States to 200,000 of them in the next two years. A larger Bill known as the Stratton Bill, which would let in 400,000, has been on the stocks for a long time.

Together with the measures taken by other countries, notably the United Kingdom, it would have emptied the displaced persons' camps of all their present inmates within four years. There are about a million displaced persons in the camps. Many refugees trying to enter the camps since 1945 are Jews from a

Togliatti Shooting Aftermath

ITALY'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM CIVIL WAR

Rome, July 18. Three pistol shots fired into Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti last week by an irresponsible Sicilian law student brought Italy fearfully close to the kind of civil war which could spread around the world.

They touched off 36 hours of Communist inspired violence in this salient of the East-West struggle which challenged the authority of Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Government, killed 10 wounded more than 200 and damaged the country's economic recovery effort.

The final result was a setback to the prestige of the Italian Communist leadership and a strengthening of the government's position.

The effects might well be felt beyond Italy's borders in Yugoslavia, where Marshal Tito has refused to bow to Moscow's excommunication, and in France, harassed by threats of the same kind of political strife for which the attempt on Togliatti's life supplied the excuse there.

But despite the failure of the general strike—which the Government called "insurrectional"—there was a clear warning in the week's events.

Defeat Not Accepted

They made it plain that even the Communists had not accepted defeat in last April's election as final.

If the Communists had been contented to abide by normal processes, 25-year-old Antonio

RED STAR RISING

A week ago you might still have said that Stalin was the most noted Communist in the world. Today two others run him very close.

The first is Marshal Tito, whose character is now being blackened by the Cominform and who may be on his way out; the second is Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the man who has prepared and is carrying out the siege of Berlin (and who is definitely on the way in).

Sokolovsky was born in the Kosliki district of Grodno, near the Polish border of the Ukraine, of peasant parents.

Spoilt Priest—

Like Stalin, he was destined for priesthood, and went to a theological seminary. Like Stalin, he became a lifelong revolutionary and took part in the October 1917 Revolution a year before volunteering for the Red Army.

He was Deputy Chief of Staff in the Red Army at the outbreak of World War II, and was promoted to Chief of Staff as the Germans approached Smolensk.

Two or three times a year, perhaps on Red Army Day or on the anniversary of the October Revolution, Marshal holds annual receptions at Potsdam, but he is no back-slapping host and has little interest in what comes from the cellar or the kitchen.

—Spoilt Man?

Perhaps it is easy to over-estimate the ability of the man who has created such a dilemma for us in Berlin.

One is apt to forget that Sokolovsky needs no mandate from public opinion at home before he can do what seems necessary. Still less does he have to consult any other country before acting.

And who knows that when he sends the Allies a particularly awkward Note at three in the morning whether it is a piece of brilliant timing or merely the fact that the Russians start work late and finish late.

Sokolovsky has a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren—at 51.

JOHN FISHER.

Eastern Europe, and President Truman has pointed to the way in which the new Bill discriminates against them.

While Zionist sympathisers in the United States have been supplying funds for illegal immigration into Palestine, others in Congress have been blocking the entry of Jewish immigrants into America.

It is instructive to compare the British record. Before the war, 80,000 refugees from Hitlerism were given asylum and a further 70,000 were admitted during the war. Since then 130,000 Poles and about 65,000 other displaced persons have come in. Such is the apathy of the world at large about this mass distress that the adherence of one more nation to its constitution is still necessary before the I.R.O. can come properly into being. Its work is still carried out by a provisional committee.

Pallante's deed would have had no ominous consequences. The attempted assassination was denounced by every sector of political opinion.

The Communists attempted to represent Pallante as a tool of a reactionary conspiracy. But they produced no concrete evidence. They abandoned that attempt and then blamed the Government for having "created the climate of hate" which poisoned the would be assassin's mind.

By CHARLES H. CUPTILL

It is now generally recognized they blundered in calling the general strike. Perhaps the Communists would have been less precipitate if their top rank leadership had been in command.

But the wily Togliatti was in the hospital. Tough, experienced Giuseppe Di Vittorio, Communist secretary of the General Labour Confederation was in Paris on his way home from the International Labour Organisation meeting in San Francisco. He hurried to Rome but arrived too late to influence the decision.

Communist Error In Tactics

Apologists for the general strike say it merely formalised a spontaneous action of workers which began almost as soon as news of the attempt on Togliatti's life became known.

If the Communists had been satisfied with the first day's demonstrations, however spontaneous they were, they could have called them off with good grace. The error lay in trying to carry

their offensive too far. It began to peter out even before Di Vittorio brought it to a halt.

The Christian Democratic sector of the Confederation, which did not approve the general strike, already had ordered its followers back to work. Many others were returning with the same spontaneity with which they abandoned their jobs the first day. Italians generally had had enough of the inconvenience and the bloodshed.

Surveying the results of their adventure, the Moscow trained top Communists, who sometimes speak among themselves in Russian to keep their secrets, could find some cause for satisfaction. They had shown they could tie up the nation's economy almost completely on short notice and spread terror everywhere. They had had another rehearsal for a more determined effort another time.

The Communists had been able in some places, as in Genoa and Leghorn, to get the better of Interior Minister Mario Scelba's tough riot squads, even disarming them.

The Debit List

The debit list was somewhat heavier:

Popular sentiment, while condemning the shooting of Togliatti, recoiled at the exaggerated scale of the reaction.

The workers themselves grumbled that the whole affair had been futile. The government had given convincing proof almost everywhere that its claim to sufficient force to defend the Republic against insurrection was no bluff.

Gravest of all, the unity of the Communist dominated Labour movement was imperilled by the Christian Democrats' threat to secede from the Confederation. They charged use of the general strike for political ends violated the Federation's constitution. All in all, Moscow could scarcely have felt pleased.—Associated Press.

Serious Clash In North Italy

Florence, July 18.

One hundred and fifty armed police and five armoured cars rushed 50 miles to Siena today following reports of disturbances when a grenade was thrown during the funeral of a victim of last week's general strike.

Communications with Siena were cut by order of the Ministry of the Interior.

According to an account received in Rome, however, two revolver shots were fired from the headquarters of the land-workers trade union at the funeral procession of two policemen who were killed at

Abbia San Salvatore, 50 miles south of Siena.

Police entered the building and met with resistance. One policeman was injured.

The funeral at Siena was for Police Sergeant Virgilio Ranieri, who was captured by rioters at Abbia San Salvatore, and whose dead and mutilated body was found later, and for another policeman, Batista Corbone, who was killed there.

It was confirmed in Rome tonight that police reinforcements were sent to Siena after this morning's incident at the funeral and because of the general tension in the area.—Reuter.

TRADE PACT

Erangue, July 18.

Czechoslovakia and France have agreed to exchange goods to the value of five milliard crowns, the Czechoslovak news agency announced tonight.

The agreement included a provision for compensating France over the next 10 years for property "nationalized" in Czechoslovakia after the war.

France will export coal, ores and metals, machinery and chemical products to Czechoslovakia in return for metallurgical products, glass, textiles, sugar, sweets and woodwork products.—Reuter.

FLYING FORTRESS BOLTS FOR AZORES

Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 18.

A mysterious B-17 bomber, whose nine-man crew promised the Canadian authorities they would return at once to the United States and flew instead out over the Atlantic last night, landed in the Azores early today, apparently on its way to Palestine.

The battered war surplus Flying Fortress took off from Halifax last night in bright moonlight, under strict orders to return to New York. However, the crew took and won a gamble with a low petrol supply.

The B-17 came down safely at Santa Maria Airport in the Azores, the Air Sea Rescue Centre of the Royal Canadian Air Force here reported.

The Canadian authorities, who impounded the converted Flying Fortress last Sunday, released the crew only after they had paid \$8,100 fine for illegal entry into Canada and had promised they would return to New York. The plane was believed to have only enough petrol to fly to New York, with little to spare. Although the crew members were supposed to be headed for the United States, the plane headed out to sea immediately after the take off and made the 1,500-mile flight to the Azores.

The authorities speculated that by cutting off one engine at times the plane could have made the trip fairly easily. They pointed out that flying conditions were excellent and the plane had favourable winds for an Atlantic crossing.—United Press.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN SHELLING OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, July 18.

The Old City's Holy place—among the most sacred of Christians and Moslems—took the brunt of Friday night's pro-true Jewish attack.

During a 10-hour uninterrupted pounding by approximately 500 mortar bombs some of them six inches, almost all the many Holy places were hit.

An Associated Press survey showed:

One direct hit on the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of Christ's tomb.

Two shells exploded in the courtyard and 10 around the Basilica. An Arab mother and her child who sought refuge in the Basilica were killed.

An Abyssinian priest was killed in the small Greek Orthodox convent across the road. Two Greek priests were killed when their patriarchate was hit. The Flagellation and Condemnation shrines on the Via Dolorosa were hit three times, the Ecco Homo Convent once.

Twenty-two shells exploded on and around the Armenian Catholic Patriarchate, further damaging the shrine.

The Latin Patriarchate was hit, its stained glass windows damaged.

The Franciscan Monastery was hit several times from almost point blank range. The shells came from the Jewish held Notre Dame de France just outside the walls.

Shells fell on and outside the Sixth and Seventh Stations of the cross. An entire family was killed by one shell.

The ancient agony olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane was damaged.

More than 40 shells exploded in the temple area of the Mosques of Omar and El-Aksa, Islam's third most holy site. Seven direct hits broke the windows and damaged the furnishings of the Mosque of Omar and one hit the "Scene of the Miracle", the traditional spot from which Mohammed ascended to heaven on a white horse.

The Austrian Catholic Hospice, now used as a hospital suffered several hits.

Civilian casualties in the attack were officially estimated at 40. One soldier was killed and two wounded.

Six inch mortar bombs struck the Mosque area again today and caused three casualties.—Associated Press.

Iran Regency Council

Tehran, July 18.

The names of members of the Iran Emergency Council were officially announced today.

In a "Farman" (Royal order) issued by the Shah on Saturday night and addressed to Abdul Hosen Hachir, Iranian premier, the Shah said that in his absence the regency council will handle the country's urgent matters.

The Council is composed of three of the Shah's brothers, Prince Ali Reza Alireza, Prince Colamreza and Prince Abdolreza together with Hachir Reza Hakmat, the Majlis Speaker Ibrahim Hakim, former Premier Mohammad Saad, parliamentary deputy and wartime premier Mohammed Sade Tabatabaie, Field Marshal Ahmed Amir Ahmedli War Minister and Hossein Samiel, the Court's master of ceremonies.—Associated Press.

Contempt For British Authority

Berlin, July 18.

Mr. John J. Sims, the British occupation officer arrested by the Russians as a "spy" last Wednesday, today described how he was kept in solitary confinement for three days in a "filthy, stinking cell."

He charged the Soviet authorities with "showing their resolute contempt for British authority in Germany."

He was arrested without warning while investigating the hold-up of British controlled barges near Wittenberge, he said. According to a diary he kept of his experiences, he was made to lie on stinking straw in an Army lorry, guarded by four Russian Tommy gunners and taken to Berlin, where he was put in a cell furnished with three wooden boards as a bed. The food was "inedible."

When interrogated, he was told it was "all a mistake", but was not released until two days later.—Reuter.

New Plan For Indonesia

Batavia, July 18.

A plan, drawn up by non-Republican leaders at Bandoeng to settle the Indonesian dispute, will be handed to the Indonesian Republic Government and to Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, the Dutch Lieutenant Governor General.

The plan, in the form of a resolution passed at a meeting of non-Republicans, outlines the Government institutions and Parliament in the proposed United States of Indonesia.

After drawing up their suggestions to end the Dutch-Indonesian Republican deadlock, the non-Republicans themselves were divided as to whether they should send their ideas direct to the United Nations good offices committee.

Some leaders did not want to by-pass the committee's Dutch-Republican conference now meeting at Kalurang, near Jogjakarta, the Republican capital.—Reuter.

MOVIE DEMAND

Shanghai, July 18.

Chinese movie producers have sent a petition to the Chinese Government for a grant of US\$40,000 in foreign exchange to enable them to make necessary purchases abroad, the Chinese press reported today.

They also demanded exemption of movie-making equipment and materials from import restrictions.—Reuter.

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Berliners Demonstrate Against Russian Blockade

Berlin, July 18.

Five thousand Western Berliners demonstrated today against the Russian land blockade while the world waited for the Western powers to make the next move in the month old crisis.

MUST REACH A DECISION

Berlin, July 18. Major General William J. H. Donovan, wartime Chief of the United States Strategic Services, said in Berlin today that the United States "must arrive at a decision despite the air bridge even if this should mean war," according to the German news agency, DANA.

He suggested applying economic sanctions against the Soviet Union and its satellites "so as to restrain the Communist dictatorship in the interests of world peace."

FRANCO DECREES OF NOBILITY

Madrid, July 17. The official Gazette today published Franco decrees bestowing titles of nobility on at least four Spanish families, namely the late Generals Emilio Mola and Primo de Rivera, the late Jose Calvo Sotelo and the living General Jose Moscarda.

The decrees create the Duchy of Mola or Ducado de Mola, Ducado de Primo de Rivera, Ducado de Calvo Sotelo and Condeado or Countship of Del Alcazar de Toledo.—United Press.

GRIM TONE TAKEN BY US PRESS

Washington, July 18.

The public and officials today received a grim view of the Berlin situation and all today's papers reported in big headlines over dispatches from Germany the possibility of armed clashes. These came by a variety of services but with the same prevailing tone.

The "Washington Post" headlined its story "War Danger Grows in Berlin." The "Times Herald" bannered, "Russians Ready to Risk War over Berlin." The "Star" said, "The Reds are ready to fly many planes in the Allied line. The United States and Britain seek a showdown at the risk of war. The Russians are believed to be pushing the Berlin crisis to danger point."

The State Department kept a special staff on duty headed for part of the day by the Under Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, but a spokesman declined to comment on how serious the Berlin situation was or what moves the United States would take next.

The spokesman said that actually the Department had a special staff on duty regarding Berlin for several Sundays; therefore today's action was not new. The crisis is being watched most closely, however, by all Western European capitals.

Sunday's reports merely climaxed several days of news which has alerted the public to the growing crisis in Europe. The last reports which drew

MATTER OF FIRST SHOT

Horden, County Durham, July 18. Although there was much that was explosive in the present situation in Berlin, nobody wished to fire the first shot, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, said here today.

He added that he did not think that anybody would care to talk of another war three years after the last one. Mr. Shinwell told a Labour Party meeting. It was surely wrong to assume that because nations differed on ideological grounds that they must go to war some day. If this view were accepted, then "we will be heading for a great disaster."

He added that Britain would be very foolish to neglect her defence, and "this important matter" was not being overlooked. That, however, was a normal precaution, and conveyed no threat to anybody.—Reuter.

The throng, massed in a square in the US sector, roared approval as speakers denounced the "cold cynicism of Communism that blockades innocent women and children."

Overhead, the US-British aerial supply fleet rounded out a busy 24 hours which saw 493 planes land with food and fuel for the 2,400,000 Western Berliners.

At Helmsdorf, 120 miles to the West, American travellers reported a Soviet commissar had arrived at the scene to take over the job of turning back west-bound cars lacking Russian travel orders. Three American cars had to make the trip back to Berlin today, but three others, for no explainable reason, were passed by the Russian sentries.

Meanwhile, the three Western Military Governors called a special meeting for Monday to discuss the crisis which broke exactly one month ago today in swift Soviet reaction to Western Germany's currency reform.

The scheduled conference of the three commanders renewed speculation that the Western powers might be thinking of forceful means to test the blockade. General Pierre Koenig, the French Military Governor who rarely comes to Berlin, will leave his headquarters in Baden to participate in the talks at the office of General Lucius D. Clay, US commander.

There were reports that the French, British and American Governments were planning new, stiffer action to Russia. Unlike the first, which the Russians turned down, these might embody threats of reprisals unless the blockade is lifted at a set time. Such measures might include depriving Russian ships of the use of waterways under British

The mammoth air parade, planned to take place here today to celebrate Soviet Aviation Day, was cancelled owing to rain and low clouds. It is to be held later.—Reuter.

The National Council of the non-Communist Finance Workers Trade Union tonight unanimously decided to continue the 10-day old strike of 60,000 Treasury employees, including customs officers and income tax collectors.

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Turbulent Sydney Weather

Sydney, July 18. Two people were drowned and several injured by heavy seas which pounded the New South Wales coast near Sydney today. A Quantas flying boat for London was held up and a number of ships outside Sydney have to ride out the turbulent weather.—Associated Press.

Fukien Flood Disaster

Shanghai, July 18. Singapore and other overseas Chinese communities have so far contributed more than CN\$10,000 million towards the relief of flood victims in Fukien province, home of a majority of Chinese residents in South East Asia, according to Chinese reports.

The Central Government has appropriated \$20,000 million for the same purpose, but the Fukien authorities are said to have requested also 300 tons of food-stuffs under the American aid programme.

It is estimated that the recent serious floods in Fochow and other cities in Fukien rendered homeless more than a million people.—Reuter.

MORE SUPER-FORTS ARRIVE IN LINCOLN

Scampton, England, July 18.

Eight more giant B-29 Superfortresses settled down at Scampton airfield today, leaving only four stragglers of the 60 still to report at Lincolnshire Royal Air Force fields. An American officer said they were expected tonight.

A public relations officer reported the American crews are being kept at Scampton, Waddington and Marham airfields "pending developments."

Colonel Stanley Wray, representing General Curtis Lemay's European Air Command, arrived on Saturday from Germany to take command of the six squadrons during their two to four weeks' stay in England. He is expected to brief the 1,200 fliers and mechanics on Monday.

Reports in Vienna said the Superfortresses would be used to drop coal in Russian blockaded Berlin. Air Force headquarters in Frankfurt, however, said it knew of no such plans.

The Superfort crews were busy today servicing the planes and unloading "fly away" kits containing repairs and other equipment which would enable them to be operational from a temporary base.

Liberal Member of Parliament for Suffolk, Edgar Granville, welcomed the American fliers to England in a speech at Norfolk today.

"East Anglians are not demonstrative," he told a political meeting, "but the arrival on Saturday of the Superfortresses we know so well a few years ago brought smiles to the villagers and a warm ray of sun in a grim summer for England."

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ALLIES MAY TRY FORCE TO SMASH SIEGE

Frankfurt, July 18.

If the British and French agree, the Western Allies will carry out an American-sponsored plan to smash through the Soviet blockade of Berlin by force, high Allied sources disclosed today.

A plan to send an armoured train or armed truck convoy with food supplies into the besieged city already has tentative British support, these sources said.

Final approval now hinges on agreement by the French, who have accepted reluctantly most of the recent three-power decisions on Germany.

It is understood that the plan will be discussed in Berlin tomorrow by the three Military Governors of Western Germany. An informative report on the plan is expected to be made by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, at the meeting of Foreign Ministers of the five Western Union Nations at The Hague this week.

If the plan is accepted, these sources said, it will form the basis of a new three-power note which Washington officials indicated may be sent to Moscow next week-end.

These officials stated that the Moscow Government would be informed that the Allies were firmly determined to fulfil their commitments to supply the three blockaded sectors of Berlin. The

Soviet military authorities in Berlin, they said, would be given advance notice of the route and schedules of the armoured convoys.

They added that United Nations observers might be asked to accompany the convoys into Berlin.

Technical Difficulties

The Russians have closed all traffic routes into the Soviet Zone, except three air corridors, giving "technical difficulties" as the reason. Presumably, Allied convoys would carry technical crews to repair roads and bridges for all rail lines used.

That first hint that the Allies might take a new initiative in cracking the Soviet blockade came yesterday from high Allied sources in Berlin, who said a show of force was the only way to unmask the Russians' true intentions in Europe.

Observers had pointed to the prominence given this statement in the U.S. Army-sponsored newspaper, Stars and Stripes, as an indication of the imminence of major Allied action.

The newspaper quoted American officials as saying: "The only way to determine Soviet intentions is test Russia, and the only test is a show of force."

Show Of Force

"The show of force itself could be simple—an armed convoy sent to Berlin on the Autobahn or an armoured train dispatched over the Berlin to Helmsdorf Railway."

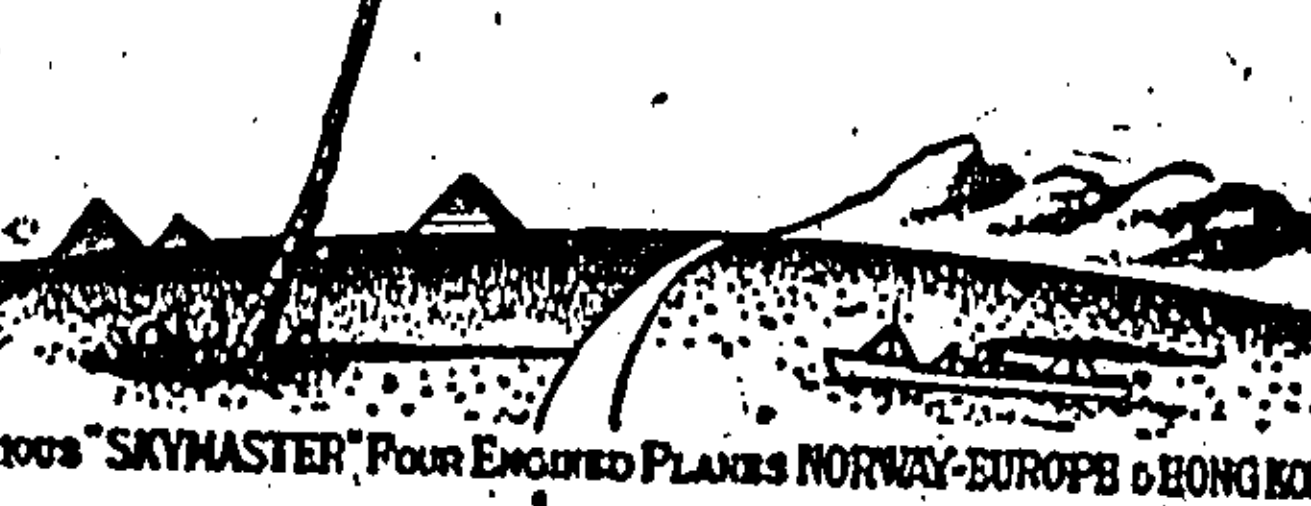
Despite 12 hours of rain and low ceilings, the United States Air Force broke the record for supplying Berlin in the 24-hour period ended at four p.m. today. American planes made 253 flights to Berlin, taking 1,550 tons of coal and other supplies.

Close to 70 British planes had landed in Berlin by 11 a.m., favoured by better weather than that along the American air corridor.

Pilots reported to the Allied authorities that only a few small Russian planes were seen near their air corridors.

A British official said planes seen were carrying out routine manoeuvres near Brandenburg, 60 miles west of Berlin.—United Press.

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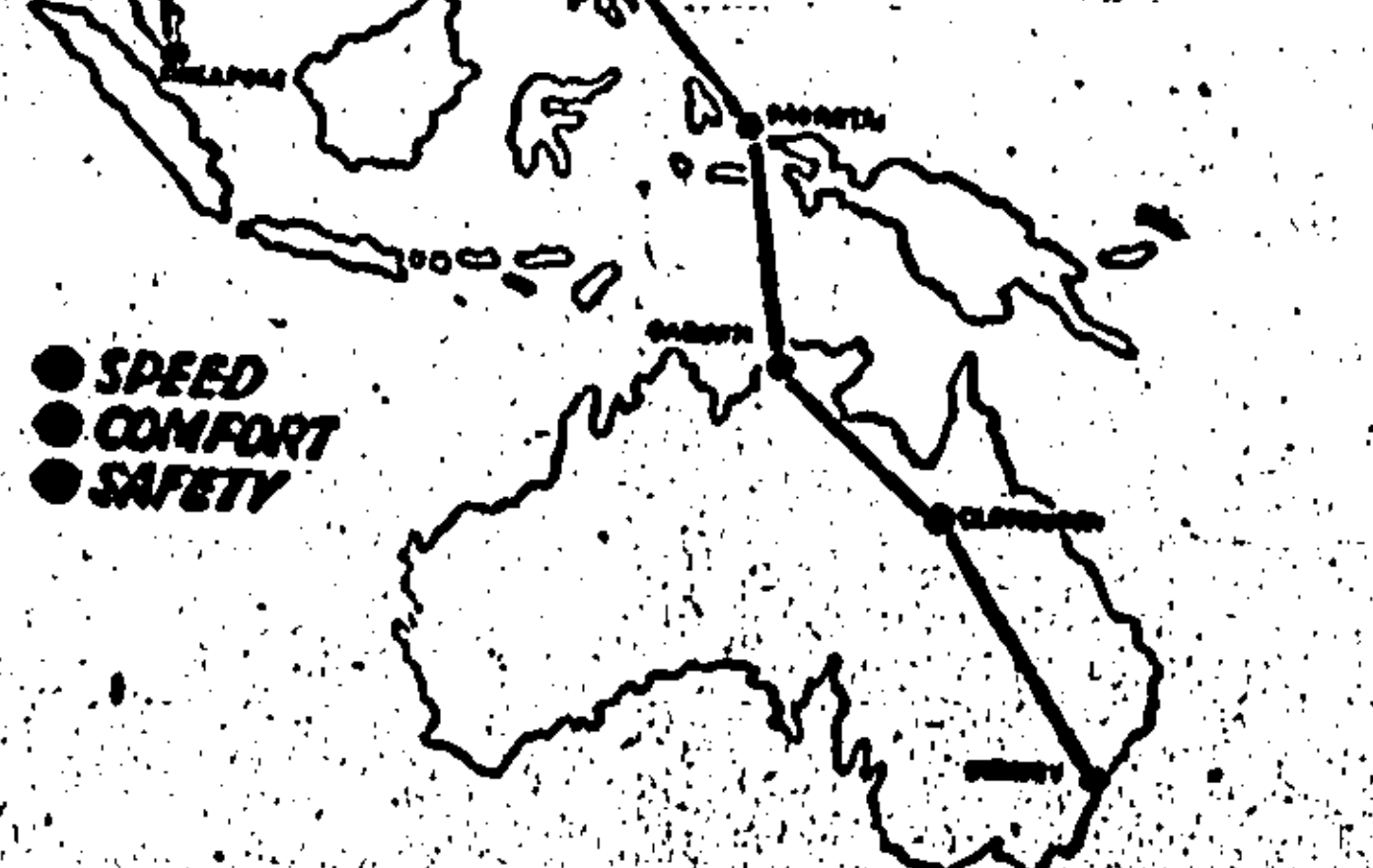
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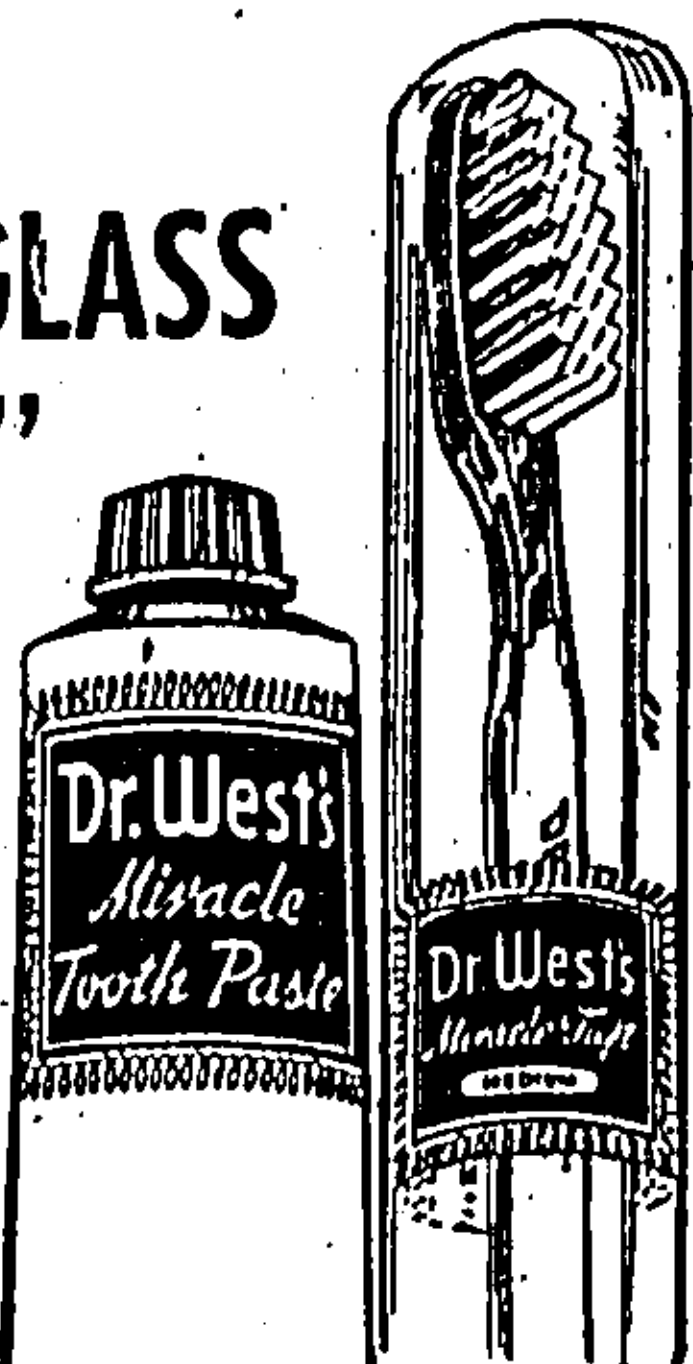
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ARABS AGREE TO TRUCE But Still Reject Idea Of Jewish State Count Bernadotte Hopeful

London, July 18. Arab acceptance of a truce in the Holy Land was officially announced at Beirut tonight after a meeting of the Arab League's Political Committee, at Alay, in the Lebanon.

Syria, it was learned, held out against the truce until the last minute, refusing to accept the Security Council's order that fighting throughout Palestine should stop.

Arab sources tonight emphasized that in accepting a cease-fire, the Arab League refused to admit the existence of a Jewish state in Palestine. They said the Arab Governments had agreed to the truce "in spite of press and public opposition because they could not ignore the will of the big powers." As the chances for at least a temporary peace in the Holy Land loomed bright with the Arab acceptance of a truce, Count Folke Bernadotte, travelling United Nations Mediator, was tonight on his way back to his headquarters on Rhodes to supervise the enforcement of the truce, set to start from 3 p.m., GMT today.

With the State of Israel expressing its willingness to abide by a country-wide cease-fire late

last week, observers here breathed a sigh of relief and held out optimism that, with United Nations pressure, the explosive Palestine situation may yet find a solution short of war.

Earlier in the day, Count Bernadotte declared in Amsterdam that should the Arabs refuse to accept the cease-fire order, "sanctions will have to be imposed on them."

No Time Limit

The Count, who was on his way from New York back to his truce headquarters, said the truce had no time limit and must continue until agreement was reached on a final settlement.

Arab officials in Amman, meanwhile, announced tonight that "violent battles" were raging in Jerusalem after Jewish violations of the cease-fire early this morning.

The Arab announcement said the Jews violated the cease-fire early this morning. They "started heavy attacks on Arab Legion positions in the Murrana and Mea Sherim quarters and other parts of the town."

"Violent battles are raging but the Legion is repulsing Jewish attacks, inflicting heavy losses," Glubb Pasha

Arab Legion Headquarters today also denied rumours that Brigadier John Glubb Pasha, British Commander of the Legion, had resigned or had been dismissed.

He was today inspecting Legion units.

The rumour began following anti-British demonstrations in Amman, Transjordan capital, and other parts of Arab Palestine.—Reuter.

Smokescreen

The Jerusalem truce, established on Saturday, was shattered today, but was restored during the afternoon when the truce commission ordered a new deadline.

The Jews improved their position in the Jerusalem perimeter with the capture of John the Baptist's reputed birthplace, El Krim Kanin, before dawn. The Arabs, with armoured cars spearheading infantry advancing behind a smokescreen, made two attempts to penetrate the Jewish-held sector of Jerusalem facing the Arab northeast corner of the city. The Jews drove them off with automatic weapons and mortar fire.

The bodies of 18 Arab Legionnaires were found in the streets. Many persons were reported to have died in the Jewish sector during a heavy Arab barrage. Jewish forces were on the offensive in various parts of Palestine all day up to the hour of the cease fire.—Associated Press.

Recruiting Plans

Lake Success, July 18. The United Nations is expected to begin recruiting a United

Nations International police force for Jerusalem within a few days.

Informed quarters said one of the first acts of Count Folke Bernadotte at Rhodes would be to discuss the question with United Nations officials.

Bernadotte reviewed plans with United States, French and Belgian delegates last week before leaving for his Middle East headquarters, indicating that he wanted 250 armed guards immediately and 1,000 to 1,500 eventually in the Holy City.

The United States and France have already agreed in principle to permit the United Nations to recruit volunteers from their citizenry.

Nothing has yet been done pending receipt of Bernadotte's "go ahead."

The United States, France and Belgium have been asked already formally to provide 300 military observers to aid in observing the truce.—Associated Press.

Time Limit Demand

Beirut, July 18. The Political Committee of the Arab League which has been meeting "somewhere in Lebanon" ended its meetings today and announced that it had cabled Arab acceptance of the truce to Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations. An Associated Press dispatch from Beirut reported today.

The cable demanded that the Security Council fix a time limit for the truce, declaring that one of unlimited duration would be prejudicial to the Arabs and advantageous to the Jews.

There was evidence the cable declared that the Jews had profited from the earlier cease fire by importing arms and ammunition.—Associated Press.

BELIEF IN PEACE IN PALESTINE

London, July 18. Mr. B. B. Lieberman, chairman of the Palestine Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said he believed that the cease fire in Palestine "will result in a

SOUTHERN STATES REVOLT AGAINST TRUMAN

Birmingham, Alabama, July 18. Governor Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina, elected by rebel Southern Democrats yesterday to oppose President Truman in next November's Presidential elections, told his followers they should petition the National Government for a colonial status if Mr. Truman were successful.

In a full scale revolt against their party's approval of a civil rights for Negroes programme, the Southern breakaway wing of the Democratic Party virtually put a fourth party into the election arena.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S AIR SERVICES PROBLEM

London, July 18. Britain, now building air liners that will be the best and fastest in the world, may be forced to buy planes abroad to maintain the passenger market.

She has started to produce 10-engine turbine powered 80-seater Saunders-Roe flying boats, but Sunderlands are developing an all-jet 500 miles an hour air liner that will fly the Atlantic in an afternoon while the giant Brabazon 100-seater will shortly undergo tests.

These machines, certain to be world winners in the export market, will not be in service for several years and, meanwhile, Britain's nationalized air lines, along with modified war planes, trying to rival firms using postwar machines made in the United States.

permanent settlement" of the Palestine problem.

But, he said, "Peace can only come when Britain and the other great powers will view the problem of Palestine not from the angle of imperialist interest or power politics but as a challenge to the soul and conscience of mankind."

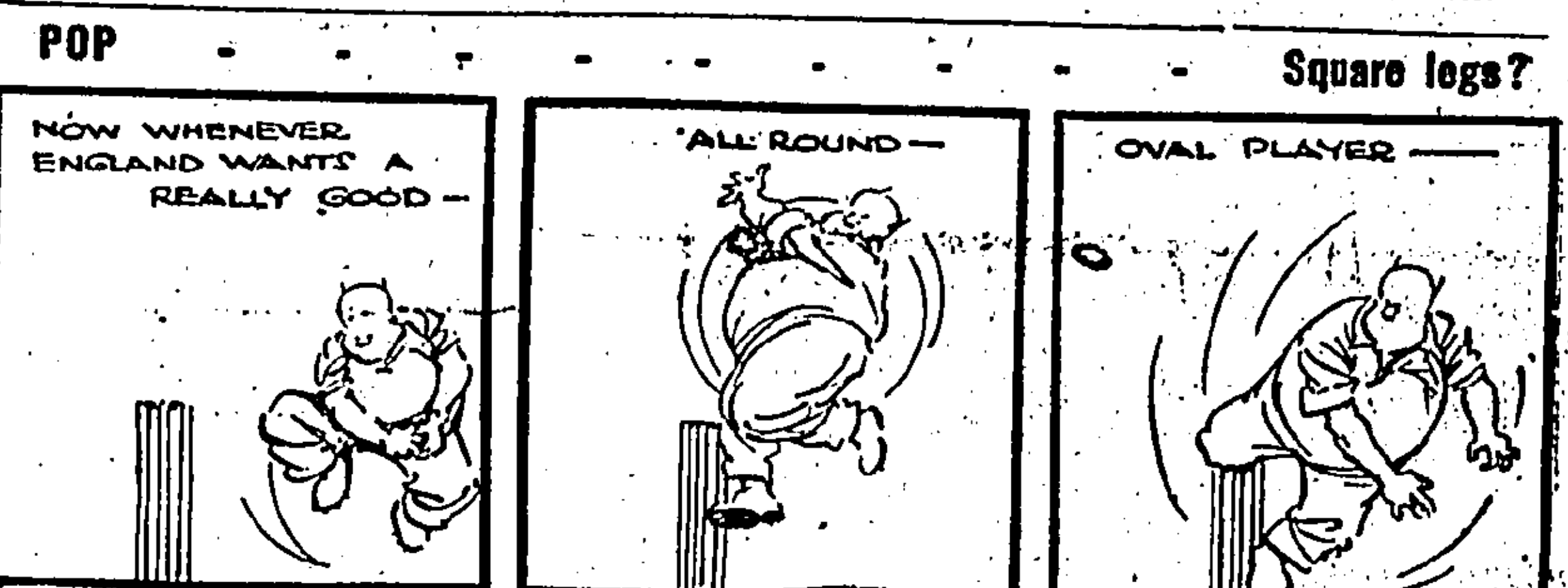
Lieberman spoke at a public meeting.—Associated Press.

Britain is now faced with a double problem: whether to buy American planes to present a bold front to international competitors or to wait till her own machines are ready.

Buying abroad, it is argued, would hurt the British aircraft industry, which in wartime turns out fighters and bombers for the Royal Air Force and would harm the export trade by giving rise to the argument that how could Britain expect to sell planes abroad if she does not think them good enough to operate herself.

The main argument for the buy-abroad protagonists is that the nation's airways, which had a £10,000,000 loss last year, will face ruin if they do not modernize their fleet and capture new business.—Reuter.

Lisbon, July 18. Don Juan, the Pretender to the Spanish Throne, and his brother, Don Jaime, left by air today for Paris on their way to London, where they will attend the Olympic Games.—Reuter.



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MALAYAN TERRORISM

Barbed-Wire Barricades Go Up In Singapore

Nine-Hour Sweep Near Kampa

Singapore, July 18.
Malayan terrorists today killed a British officer of a Gurkha regiment in a clash at Bidor, 40 miles south of Ipoh.

The Gurkhas killed one terrorist and sent the rest fleeing when they surprised a group of between 20 and 30 armed men. The officer killed was the first British casualty in the operations against the terrorists and the second Army casualty after the killing of a Gurkha lance corporal at Kajang, Selangor, yesterday.

In a nine-hour sweep at Bidor today, the Gurkhas recovered the body of the lance corporal, captured two suspects carrying imports documents, but they made no contact with the terrorists.

Near Kampa, 20 miles from Bidor, the police yesterday killed two terrorists, wounded four and captured seven in a dawn raid on a group of about 30 they had surprised drilling in uniform.

Fifty-five persons have been killed and 12 wounded by terrorists since July 1, the Straits Times estimated today. In addition, an Australian planter, Mr. R. R. Ruffy, of the Kuantan district, is still missing after an ambush about a fortnight ago.

In Singapore, the police were today throwing "aprons" of barbed wire around all police stations as a precaution against attacks. It was feared that terrorism might spread to Singapore at any time.—Reuter.

Secret Communist Meeting

New York, July 18.
The "New York Times" correspondent in New Delhi reported today that Asian Communists were believed to have met secretly in Calcutta before the unrest grew in Malaya, Burma and Siam.

The meeting, said to have been held five months ago behind the screen of the South Asian Youth Conference, was followed by the Indian Communist Party's Convention, at which "instructions" were received.

The correspondent added that observers in touch with Communist activities believed that an Asian Cominform would soon be set up in Bangkok, where many European Communists, including Russians, had been reported recently.

The outlook for Communism in South East Asia leaves no room for complacency in the democratic West, the writer said. Indian Communists have failed to establish a common front with the Socialists. However, Communism appeals to the young intellectuals in India. Its prospects are good for making gains in a country where thought is selfishly inclined.—Reuter.

Bounden Duty

Sydney, July 18.
The Australian Premier, Mr. J. B. Chifley's unhappiness about the situation in Malaya will be shared by most Australians who rightly see in the events there a developing menace to their own security, the "Morning Herald" said today.

If a request for arms had been made, it was Australia's bounden duty to meet it fully and speedily, it added.

It would be shameful and intolerable if Canberra hesitated through a fear that Communist-led unions would impose a shipping ban similar to that enforced against the Dutch in Indonesia. Australia shares with Britain the frontier of Malaya—a frontier of democracy. The consequences for Britain would be grave if the frontier was overrun, but it may be small compared with the immediate consequences for Australia.—Reuter.

To Minimise Danger

Singapore, July 18.
Barbed-wire barricades are being built around all Singapore

Husband Alarmed

Manila, July 18.
Jose Climaco the husband of the murdered movie and radio star, Lillian Velasco, has sought protection from Quezon City police authorities, it was learned today.

Climaco said he had noticed three suspicious men loitering around his home.—Reuter.

SINO-SIAM EDUCATION AGREEMENT

Nanking, July 18.
Siam and China have reached an agreement on some outstanding differences between the two nations on the question of Chinese schools operating in the former country, Chinese press reports said today quoting Foreign Office sources.

The negotiations to settle the main issue of a long standing dispute between the two countries were conducted by the Chinese Embassy in Bangkok with the Siam Government, these reports said.

According to one version, the Chinese have agreed to register all such schools with the Siam authorities and to raise the standards of the Chinese faculty.

On the other hand, Siam has consented to relax its control over Chinese schools operating in the country and to interfere as little as possible with the curriculum standard used by the Chinese over many years of teaching.—Reuter.

police stations, it was officially announced today.

The Deputy Police Commissioner, J. C. Barry, said the action was a precaution "to minimise the danger of possible attacks."

Attacks on police stations by Communist insurgents have been frequent in the neighbouring Malayan Federation, but there have been none to date in Singapore.—Associated Press.

Nationalists Recapture Ferry Points

Shanghai, July 18.
The Nationalists today claimed the recapture of all Yellow River ferry points in Shantung Province, thus entirely cutting off the escape route for the Communists defeated in the recent big battle on the Honan plain.

Reports said the Communists, finding themselves blocked, recoiled and at present were fighting their way back to the Lunghai railway. More than 300 Red troops and over 40 horse carts were bombed and destroyed by Government planes, the reports said.

Manchurian reports said Nationalist units, which struck south from Mukden, captured the great south Manchurian steel centre, Anshan after seizing the Lishan rail station in the vicinity.

The Nationalists struck out from Mukden in a sudden operation to save the harvests from the Reds.

According to the reports, another which moved north from Mukden defeated a Communist concentration at Kungchulan, near Hsishin. The Nationalists also moved south-east from Mukden in the direction of Penhsi, coal mine centre, recapturing Manchung.

A Communist broadcast admitted the Nationalists made sorties out of Changchun. The Reds claimed that the Government attacks were beaten back.—United Press.

CORRECTION

Mr. Americo Angelo, of the Oriente Commercial (Import-export firm) of Macao informs the "China Mail" that the description applied to him yesterday as a bank official, is incorrect.

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GIANT OXFORD BOWLER'S GAINS FOR MIDDLESEX

London, July 19.
The Australian cricket tourists, continuing their first innings in the second day of their match against Middlesex, had scored 111 runs for three wickets at lunch time today.

Australia Remembers W.G. Grace

London, July 18.
While today has been remembered as the birthday of Dr. W. G. Grace, the "Father" of cricket, his grave beneath the white marble memorial cross and slab in the Crystal Palace and Elmslie End Cemetery has been almost ignored.

Speedboat Champion

Geneva, July 13.
Achille Castillon, of Italy, today won the world championship for the 450 kilograms racing boats with an average speed of 80.268 kilometres an hour in the last of four heats.

Outsider Wins Big Race

Paris, July 18.
A 61/2 outsider, Ept, by Le Cliegh, out of Epineux, carrying eight stones five pounds, today won the million francs Prix Eugene Adam for three-year-olds over one and a quarter miles at St. Cloud, beating Diefout by one and a half lengths with Seven Eleven.

Undeclared return for a 10-franc stake was 621 for a win and 99 and 91 for places. M. Bousson's stable was quoted a favourite at odds of 14 to 10.

OLYMPIC TORCH IN ITALY

Bari, July 19.
An Italian soldier and an Australian airman today started the Olympic Torch on its way to London from Bari across Italy and the Alps.

The first of 769 Italian runners began his 1,500 metre lap exactly at 1300 local time.

Twenty thousand persons roared wildly as the Flame was lifted from its stand in the centre of the city after a brief ceremony.

As the British frigate, the Whitesand Bay, arrived at Bari at 12.30 the Italian military government and municipal authorities jammed the wharf area as the ship came in.

Potter lifted the Torch from its ship's deck, came carefully down the gangplank and then trotted nearly a mile through the city.

There was no sign of animosity between the public and the military in this seacoast town where in the last four days citizens and soldiers fought each other because of the shooting of the Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti.

Potter carried the Torch into the piazza where high government and military officials awaited him. He put the Torch into a special tripod holder anxiously standing it with both hands until certain it was secure.

An Italian soldier, Mario de Cesari, a student at the Lecce Officers' School, stepped forward to join Potter. Both stood at attention near the Flame.

General Aldo Scapellato, Inspector General of the Italian Army, read a proclamation from the Defence Ministry and the Italian government.

Mr. Jack Crapp, manager of the British Olympic team, who collapsed after the triangular international match here yesterday, was taken to hospital, was discharged from the hospital today.

JUMPED SHIPS, WANT TO GO HOME

Wellington, July 19.
The stream of British immigrants to New Zealand is being swelled by "deserters" from ships in the harbour here.

Impatient British youths found a short cut by signing on the crews of ships leaving for New Zealand and "jumping" on their arrival.

Olympic Way Opened



THE FIRST STREAM of cars go through Olympic Way, the new road from Wembley Park Station to Wembley Stadium, opened by Alfred Barnes, the Transport Minister, on July 6. Olympic Way was built to accommodate the many visitors to the Stadium for the XIVth Olympiad, being opened there this month. The new road is 80 feet wide and has been built at a cost of £100,000.—AP Photo.

HUTTON RECALLED FOR FOURTH TEST

London, July 18.
England's team to meet Australia in the fourth Cricket Test, starting at Leeds on Thursday next, July 22, will be selected from the following 12 players:

Norman Yardley (Yorkshire), J. F. Crapp (Gloucestershire), W. J. Edrich (Middlesex), Kenneth Cranston (Lancashire), Len Hutton (Yorkshire), Cyril Washbrook (Lancashire), R. Pollard (Lancashire), Denis Compton (Middlesex), T. G. Evans (Kent), Alec Bedser (Surrey), Jim Laker (Surrey), J. A. Young (Middlesex) and

BRITAIN WINS INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Noordwijk, July 18.
The British International Club today won the Silver Windmill trophy, moving out to victory over four other International Clubs on a better "set average."

Teams representing the International Clubs of Britain, the United States, France, Belgium and Holland each played 10 matches throughout the week's tournament, with the British, American and Dutch clubs each winning 11 contests and setting averages deciding the placings in that order.

BRITON WINS DUTCH OPEN

Hilversum, July 18.
Cecil Denny, of England, won the Dutch open golf championship today with a 72 holes aggregate of 200, beating last year's champion, R. Ruhl, of Holland, with 203, and G. de Wit of Holland with 205.

CARGO STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION

Falmouth, July 18.
The 1,444-ton Belgian cargo ship, Marie, sank in the English Channel today after a collision with the 2,905-ton Indian-owned British-registered Bharatkhand.

The collision, which took place off Ushant, west of the coast of Brittany, was believed to have been in fog. There have been no reports of any casualties in either ship.

BASEBALL

Equalled Long-Standing Major League Record

New York, July 18.
Blasting out four home runs in the first game of a double header, Pat Scary, Chicago leftfielder, equalled a long standing major league record and handed the White Sox a 12-11 victory over Philadelphia in the American League.

Olympic Swimmers Face Crisis

London, July 19.
Olympic swimming events faced a possible crisis today as H. E. Fern, British President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), revealed that the special breathing apparatus used by many outstanding sprint champions may be banned on the eve of the Games.

Alex Jany of France, the British champion Jack Hale and most top American stars are among Olympian title favourites who inhale oxygen before their races in an apparatus similar to the one which Japanese swimmers used at Los Angeles in 1932 and were forbidden to use in future Olympics.

Fern said he intended to raise the question of legality of such an apparatus at the next final meeting on July 27, two days before the official opening of the London Games.

There is nothing in the rules to prevent the use of such a machine. However, if it gives a swimmer advantage over another it is likely the committee will not before the events start at Wembley.

R.M. Ritter, American honorary secretary of the FINA committee, commented: "I don't know what move we can take. This machine assists the inhaling of oxygen into the lungs just before a race to increase stamina. It will be up to the committee to decide."

Latin American Sunday Surprise

London, July 18.
The Latin American delegations sprang a surprise on the British authorities of the Olympic games when they requested training facilities for today.

Argentinean, Chilean, Mexican, Uruguayan and Brazilian swimmers wanted to continue their workouts and demanded transport and the use of fields, pools and rowing lanes for their men. British organisers were hard put to provide buses and facilities.

ARABS RESENTFUL OF PRESSURES

Cairo, July 18.
Max Boyd, Associated Press Middle East Editor, reported today that news of the Arab acceptance of a general truce was a shock to most people in Cairo "who are bitterly resentful of British pressure and of American leadership in pushing the truce resolution through the Security Council."

"Opposition parties in Cairo and in several other Arab countries are expected to denounce their governments and some anti-British and anti-American demonstrations are considered likely."

"An Anti-British demonstration occurred in Trans-Jordan a few days ago and a Legion officer slapped a British visitor," Boyd reported.

King Abdullah faced a mob of 1,000 civilians at the Royal palace today, Daniel de Luce, Associated Press staff correspondent, said in a dispatch from Amman.

De Luce cabled: "Addressing native born Trans-Jordanians in the crowd, the 60-year-old monarch said: 'Trans-Jordan is my heart and my mission is to help save both Trans-Jordan and Palestine.'"

Detroit Crushed

New York cruised Detroit 12-4 in the second game of their double header, after the Tigers took the opener by five runs to three.

Center fielder Hoot Evers' clout of a home run with the bases loaded in the fifth to spark the Tigers in their win. The second game was called because of darkness after six and a half innings.

Boston allowed Saint Louis four run leads in both games and then came from behind to take both ends of a double header, 12-5 and 7-4.

Catcher Birdie Tobe's hit a two on homer for the Red Sox in the opener and relief pitcher Ned Carver belted a homer for the Browns in the nightcap.

Pellegrini struck out triple play in the fifth of the opener. Cleveland scored two runs in the 12th inning to defeat Washington 6-4 in the second game of a doubleheader after capturing the first game 2-1.

Sam Zolday, sixth Cleveland pitcher, received credit for the win.

Masaka Completes Doubles

The Aga Khan's filly, Midsaka, winner of the Epsom Oaks this year, completed a double when she won the Irish Oaks, valued at £2,000 and run over one and a half miles here this afternoon.

With the victory of Masaka, the Aga Khan has achieved the notable feat of having won the Derby and Oaks in both England and Eire, for his colt Nithoo won the Irish Derby after My Love's success at Epsom.

Starting an even money favourite today, Masaka, ridden by the steeple-chase jockey, Aubrey Brown, beat Prince Aly Khan's Amira to eight to one chance, by a length from Mrs. W. Bryants Sun Lane, who started second favourite at six to one, the same distance away, third of the ten runners.

Conscription 18-Year-Olds

Washington, July 18.
The United States Army, Navy and Air Force will begin conscription of 18-year-old volunteers under a new draft (conscription) act next Wednesday.

The Army will accept about 10,000 enlistments during the four weeks, beginning July 21, the Navy including the Marines, 3,000 and the Air Force, 1,300.—Associated Press.

Closely Contested Grand Prix

Paris, July 18.
Jean Pierre Wimille, France won a closely contested race for the Grand Prix of the Automobile Club de France at Rheims today when he covered the 500 kilometres in 10 hours one minute seven and a half seconds, with an average speed of 105,699 kilometres an hour.

He beat the Italian, Consalvo Sanesi, who finished in three hours one minute 32 seconds, with another Italian, Alberto Ascari, third in three hours one minute 32.8 seconds. All three were driving Alfa Romeo cars.

The only British competitor, John Heath, on an Alfa, retired with a badly slipping clutch after six laps, while two other British drivers, Prince Bira and H. Dreyse, were eliminated before the race began because of accidents to the official Alfa Romeo cars were too old.

Earlier, a 300-kilometre event for light cars was won by Raymond Sommer, of France, driving a Ferrari in one hour 44 minutes 44 seconds. Bira retired in the 10th lap, second, with a broken rear axle.

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